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ENTRE FACELIFT ABOUT TO START

BY TOM OAKLEY

WORK is about to start on a facelift for Cannock Chase Leisure Centre as part of a £1 million redevelopment.

The work will see the gym refurbished and a cinema-inspired indoor cycling studio built on an existing

bowling green.
The investment, which comes after an overhaul in 2012, shows a commitment to encouraging residents to be more active, according to council chiefs.

Work will begin in the autumn, with a refresh of existing gym and studio areas and three new spaces being created in place of the bowling

green.

A new cycle studio, functionary training area and multi-purpose space will also be among the improvements made. While work takes place, the gym will be temporarily relocated to the bowling area to allow the existing gym area to be renovated.

The council says disruption will be kept to a minimum and once completed, the renovated gym will reopen to customers and work will then begin on the three new spaces. The over-all project is set to be completed by spring next

Latest

Councillor Christine Mitchell, portfolio leader for culture and sport at Cannock Chase Council, said: "I am very excited that work is due to start on the improvements at Chase Leisure Centre. Residents of Cannock Chase will be able to use the latest gym equipment and take part in vir-"One of our priorities at Cannock Chase

"One of our priorities at Cannock Chase Council is community wellbeing and these improved leisure facilities in the district provide residents with even more opportunities to have healthy and active lifestyles and assist us with our aim."

The new cycle studio will feature the latest equipment and include Les Mills immersive cycling agreements and include Les Mills immersive cycling agreements.

cling experience The Trip, which uses leading audio and visual equipment.

The new functional training area will feature

a fixed functional rig, accessories and cardio equipment, while a new multi-purpose space will provide a home for parties, community events and a meetings.

events and a meetings.
Peter Burt, managing director of Inspiring
Healthy Lifestyles, which runs the centre, said:
"This latest development sees further first-class
leisure and fitness facilities coming to Chase Leisure Centre.



Man out of time – Robert Palfrey, representing Tommies from the 14th Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment, known as the Birmingham Pals, from 1918, lines up with Colonel Pulteney's 13th Regiment of Foot from 1745 at the Military History Weekend on Cannock Chase. Organised each year by Staffordshire County Council's rangers service, the free event was held on Saturday and Sunday. Visitors got the chance to see inside the Great War Hut used by soldiers who trained on Cannock Chase. For a full report and more pictures, turn to Page 3

POLICE

New crackdown on town drinkers

POLICE have cracked down on people

who illegally drink in Cannock town centre. Officers have been targeting offenders who have been drinking alcohol in desig-nated no-alcohol zones and for causing nuisance within the town. Eight community protection notice warnings have been issued in July and so far in August. In the most recent incident, a notice was

issued to someone who was urinating on St Luke's Church. Senior office assistant Megan McAndrew

said: "The warnings outlines the anti-social behaviour causing the problem.

PROPERTY

Talks open over sale of Pitmen

HEDNESFORD Town has been linked with three parties who are in talks with property agents over buying the foot-ball club.

Anchor Estates director Sophie Bull-

ock said she was confident the non-league club would be sold, based on the early interest. Six inquiries have been made, with talks taking place with three of the parties.

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HAZARD

Parents warned on dumped canisters

A WARNING has been issued to parents after reports of laughing gas canisters being dumped at Rugeley Skate Park. Councillor Darren Foley, who found the

nitrous oxide canisters, is urging people to be aware of the potentially 'fatal' legal high. He said: "When laughing gas is inhaled, it removes the oxygen from your lungs and replaces it with nitrous oxide – this can cause unconsciousness or death."

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Driver hit 155mph during police chase



Mandeep Barhey

ter hitting speeds of more than 150mph in a stolen Audi

Mandeep Barhey smashed through a barrier on the M6 Toll during a police chase. The 30-year-old was spotted by motorway police officers driving a stolen Audi A5 near junction 13 of the M6 in October last year, who gave chase.

He driver left the motorway and swerved through traffic in Cannock,

reaching speeds of 90mph. He then went onto the M6 Toll head-

ing south and police dashcams recorded the vehicle reaching speeds of 155mph.

smashing through the barrier at 80mph. Barhey was stopped after crashing at Wall Island. He was caught on foot by

officers and arrested. othcers and arrested.

Barhey, of Campbell Street, Rugby, admitted dangerous driving, using a vehicle without insurance criminal damage and aggravated vehicle taking at his first court appearance after police dashcam and CCTV footage was shown. The vehicle had been stolen in a sep-

arate incident from the driveway of an address in Leicestershire two months address in Leicestershire two months earlier. Barhey was jailed for 10 months

and ordered to pay £140 costs.

Pc Matthew Burns, from the Central Motorway Policing Group, described Barhey's driving as 'reckless'.

He said: "This reckless display of driving could have caused a terrible secident and put many inneent read

accident and put many innocent road

users in danger.

"I hope this sentence sends a message to anyone else who thinks driving this fast and failing to stop for the police is not a good idee."

officers found Barhey's DNA on the deployed airbag in the stolen vehicle.

Buyers enter into talks over Hednesford Town

property agents over buying Hednesford Town Football Club,

it has emerged. Anchor Estates Bullock said she was confident the non-league club would be sold, based on the early interest.

The club, which plays its games at Keys

The club, which plays its games at Keys Park, was put up for sale by chairman Steve Price two weeks ago.

Ms Bullock said there had been six inquiries made following the listing, with talks taking place with three of them.

The agent runs tests on potential buyers before entering into advanced discussions which include the cost.

Ms Bullock said: "We've had quite a lot of interest from a range of people - none of interest from a range of people - none of interest from a range of people - none of interest from a range of people - none of interest from a range of people - none of interest from a range of people - none of interest from a range of people - none of interest from a range of people - none of interest from a range of people - none of interest from a range of people - none of interest from a range of people - none of interest from a range of people - none of the people -

of interest from a range of people – none of them are from abroad and a couple of them

Capacity

"Based on the early interest, we are confident of a sale.

The club stadium is on 5.5 acres of land and has a capacity of 6,000 with 1,000 seated. There is also a clubhouse and func-

Mr Price has been chairman of the club for 24 years.

On announcing the sale, he said: "I feel that the time is now right for me to try and sell the club on to someone else in order to take it forward in the coming years.

take it forward in the coming years.
"I'm not getting any younger and I've always said that I wanted to make sure that the football club can continue to function—and now I feel the time is right for me to begin a search for someone to be able to do that.

'Ideally, we'd all like one individual to come in and take the club forward, but we're open to hearing from all other ave-nues as well."

The club plays in the Evo-Stick North-

ern Premier League, three tiers below the Football League.

It has started life this season with a win

Comic capers with cartoonist



Beano illustrator Hunt Emerson with Thomas Leyshon, eight, Harry Leyhson, 13, Thomas Purkis, 12, Oliver Purkis, 7

BE it Dennis the Menace or the Bash Street Kids, they have been favourites with children for gener-

And the man responsible for bringing some of these much-loved characters to life visited Cannock Library to teach youngsters how it's done. Beano illustrator Hunt

Emerson was the special guest as

he led a children's workshop.

Mr Emerson was drawing the crowds as excited youngsters looked on as he sketched the likes of Dennis the Menace and loyal ca-nine sidekick Gnasher.

The visit was part of the Summer

Reading Challenge which aims to

encourage more children to take up

reading during the school holidays.
Children were given the opportunity to create their very own comic strip characters, while the artist discussed his experiences as a popular comic.The Birmingham cartoonist has been writing and drawing for comics since the 1970s

'Watch out for fake goods' alert on markets

PEOPLE are being urged to be vigilant and avoid buying counterfeit goods if they are heading to one of Stafford-shire's bank holiday markets or car boot

While providing a family day out where people can pick up a bargain, market events can attract traders selling

market events can attract traders selling counterfeit and illicit goods.

The county council's trading standards team coordinates the national Real Deal markets campaign in Staffordshire.

Market organisers can sign up to support the fight to halt the sale of counterfeit goods.

Staffordshire County Council's communities leader Councillor Gill Heath said: "The bank holiday weekend will see numerous car boot sale and market events taking place.

"These are great family events and we

"These are great family events and we support the organisers running them.
"We're part of the national Real Deal markets campaign which brings market event organisers on board to help to stop counterfeit goods sales.
"We want people to avoid the pitfalls of counterfeit goods this holiday weekend and throughout the year —

protecting themselves and legitimate businesses," Councillor Heath added. Anyone wanting to report counterfeit goods sales can call the anonymous Staf-

fordshire Fight the Fakes line on 01785

College hub to assist hundreds

A NEW education hub in Cannock is set to benefit hundreds of young people in the first year.

The Cannock Skills and Innovation Hub will boost employment opportuni-ties for an estimated 450 young people in one year, according to a report which evaluated the economic impact of the hub in the area, produced by the district council.

It comes as South Staffordshire College has partnered up with the council to reopen its Cannock campus.

Councillor George Adamson, leader of Cannock Chase Council, said: "Further education is vital to the area, and whilst the current increase in attainment. the current increase in attainment in Cannock is encouraging, it is also a trend we need to accelerate and are keen to build on."

Help for hedgehogs

WEST Midlands Hedgehog Rescue are holding an open day, on September 1, at a new venue – The Bell Inn, on the A5 Watling Street, near Brewood, from midday to 4pm. Organisers say there will be lots of fun for all the family, kids' crafts, wellie wanging and much more.





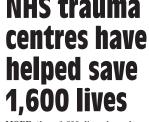


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NEWS IN BRIEF 3

NHS trauma Care home put in special measures



MORE than 1,600 lives have been saved since the launch of NHS major

trauma centres six years ago.

The 27 designated major trauma centres have been operating at hospitals across the UK since April 2012, playing a vital role in saving the lives of victims of knife, gun and acid at-tack crimes. They see seriously in-jured patients sent directly to the designated major trauma centres, bypassing smaller, local hospitals that offered less specialist care.

People who are seriously injured in People who are seriously injured in stabbings or road crashes in the Black Country are normally flown or driven to Birmingham's Queen Elizabeth Hospital, one of the major trauma centres. Victims in Staffordshire can also be taken to the trauma unit at the Royal Stoke Hospital, while, in some cases seriously but children go some cases, seriously hurt children go to Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Experts said 1,656 people who would 'probably have died' had been saved by being taken directly to hospitals better equipped to deal with life-threatening injuries.

An independent report showed patients also spent fewer days in hospital and had improved quality of life after receiving critical care. The analysis of more than 110,000 patients admitted to 35 hospitals from 2008 to 2017 shows an increase of nearly a fifth in the odds of survival from severe injury in the five years from 2012.

Hire charges are frozen at venue

HIRE charges at Pye Green Community Centre are to be frozen, thanks to the popularity of the venue. Hednesford Town Council says its

careful budgeting is another factor in there being no increase in fees for groups using the venue. Councillor Derek Davis, who over-

sees council funding by Hednesford Town Council, said: "We are delighted to see people making such great use of the centre, and we have been able to keep costs down for the coming year thanks to the popularity of the venue. "From health clinics, fitness ses-

sions and dog training to Citizens Advice Bureau drop-in sessions, the centre is at the heart of the community. This has been our busiest year ever." he added.

Table top bargains SALEM Methodist Church in Cheslyn

Hav is holding its last table top sale for this year on Saturday from 3pm to 6pm. There is an opportunity to enjoy a cuppa with a selection of homemade and strawberry cream scones.



Trip hazards were found

rious accident' where a person, who had fallen 16 times previously, was

rushed to hospital, a report says.

Trip hazards and exposed hot pipes were among the risks discovered by CQC inspectors who visited Kingsley Cottage in Uxbridge Street, Hednes-ford, on June 27 and July 5.

The service was rated inadequate

the lowest rating – in the report re-leased earlier this month, which has fallen from the required improvement rating it received last September.

dropped from good to inadequate after one person had fallen 17 times in the last 12 months.

A catalogue of failings found by inspectors also includes residents not receiving medicines as prescribed, exits blocked in the conservatory and access to hand washing facilities blocked in the staff toilet by the storage of wheelchairs.

age of wheelchairs.

They also found the door to the boiler room had been propped open, allowing people access to a potentially dangerous part of the building as it

tems. The home has since informed

inspectors they are covering hot pipes.

Despite the report, residents still said they felt safe and described where they lived as 'homely'. Staff were labelled as 'lovely,' 'kind,' and 'wonderful' and residents felt their privacy and dignity were respected. A representative from Kingsley Cottage declined to comment. Services in

special measures will be kept under review and may result in the watch-dog cancelling the registration if not

A £20,000 scheme to introduce Swift smart travelcards on buses in the Cannock Chase district is set to be given the go-ahead today (Thursday).

set for go-ahead

Councillors will be discussing the scheme in partnership with Transport for the West Midlands at a meeting of Cannock Chase Council's cabinet.

Deputy council leader Councillor
Gordon Alcott said: "This scheme is

the largest smartcard scheme in the UK outside of London. It will be very peneficial for people.

If approved, Cannock would be the second area in the wider West Midlands region to implement the use of the cards after Redditch.

Artisan market for good causes

THE mayor of Lichfield, Councillor David Leytham, and the Sheriff, Mi-chael Mullarkey, are hosting a Sum-mer artisan market with fizz & gin bar on Sunday.

Local artists and businesses be showcasing their bespoke, hand crafted gifts and supporting the mayor and Sheriff's charities – St Mary's in the Market Square and Lichfield Greenhill Bower Charitable Trust.

The event runs 10am until 4pm in the Guildhall, Lichfield. Contact Lucy Clarke on 01543 309852 or email lucy clarke@lichfield.gov.uk

Farm doubles up on pumpkin plants

CANALSIDE Farm in Great Haywood has sown double the amount of pump-kin plants this year to meet demand. It follows the success of its first ever

pumpkin crop last year and its 'pick your own' pumpkin event in October. This year the farm is hoping to open the Pumpkin Patch from October 27

to November 4. Farm owner Chris Barton said: "This year has presented us with some new challenges with this extreme heat, but we have installed a special irrigation system and the pumpkins are doing really well." Visit www.canalsidefarm.co.uk

History group line up speaker for meeting

CHESLYN Hay & District Local His tory Society will welcome guest speak er Trevor Bevan to their meeting next

The title of his talk is 'A Dickens of a Tale (How a local Clarion cyclist became a member of the oldest bicycling club in the world)'.

Admission to the meeting on Thurs day at the Salem in High Street, Cheslyn Hay, which starts at 7.30pm, is £1 including refreshments.



FROM the heroes of the Great War to English Civil War soldiers - the tales of military life from the Anglo-Saxon period to the present day were

Cannock's Chase Military History Weekend took place on Saturday and Sunday at the Cannock Chase Visitor

Centre at Marquis Drive.

The free event is organised each year by Staffordshire County Council's rangers service

Among the dedicated enthusiasts in Among the deducated entitusiasts in attendance were a group representing Tommies from the 14th Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment, which is known as the Birmingham Pals. Robert Palfrey, aged 31, from the group, said: "The Birmingham Pals trained in 1914 and went over to France in 1915. their first battle was

France in 1915 – their first battle was at the Somme, which unfortunately was rather disastrous for them.

Role

"We take part in a lot of events similar to this, with it being the final year of centenary we've been busy for almost nine weeks on the trot."

Rob Elliott, of Hednesford, was re-enacting the role of a red coat of Colonel Pulteney's 13th Regiment of Foot and specialising in the dates 1742

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The 33-year-old is part of the Lacewars group – made up of a number of regiments depicting both military and civilian life during the 18th Century. Visitors got the chance to see inside the Great War Hut used by soldiers

who trained on Cannock Chase.

Children also got the chance to try

on military uniforms, have a go at ar-chery and take part in a kids pike drill. The Military History Weekend on the Chase is now in its eight year and

it is hoped it will return in 2019



US Army 1945-style - Raymond Bagley, left, and Andy Bembridge



Robert Palfrey, left, and Rob Elliott



Julia Ward kits out Owen Wilkes, aged nine

Visitors look around the Great War Hut Picture: Richard Pursehouse





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COUNTY NEWS

Shop a Chop Shop campaign launched

POLICE have launched a Shop a Chop Shop campaign following con-cerns around car key burglaries and car-jackings in the West Midlands.

It comes as vehicle crime has in-creased over the last two years driven by the demand for parts to repair write-offs, sold as repairable by the insurance industry.

insurance industry.

Around five times more vehicles, mainly luxury models are sold at auction as fixable write-offs rather than vehicles to be scrapped for spare parts. It's suspected this is inspiring criminal gangs to steal cars to order for spares. The vehicles are broken departs it is the characters. down at 'chop shops'

Fall in identity fraud numbers

IDENTITY fraud has fallen for the

IDENTITY fraud has fallen for the first time since 2014 but remains high with more personal information available online, according to a report.

Fraud prevention body Cifas recorded a five per cent drop in identity fraud in the first half of this year compared to the same time last year, falling from \$9.100 to \$4.63.

pared to the same time last year, failing from 89,199 to 84,463.

There was a 12pc cent fall in the volume of bank accounts being targeted and a 34pc drop in attempts to obtain mobile phone contracts.

But there was a 12pc rise in fraud-sters after plastic card accounts, while identity fraud against online retail ac-counts was up 24pc.

BBC won't appeal the Sir Cliff case

THE BBC has said appealing after losing the High Court case brought by Sir Cliff Richard over its coverage of a police raid on his home 'would inevitably mean an expensive legal cul de sac and one that would simply pro-long Sir Cliff's distress'.

It said: "Instead the BBC is writing to ask the Government to consider a review of the law in this important area to protect the right to properly and fairly report criminal investiga-tions, and name the person."

TUC hits out over rail fare increases

THE Trades Union Congress has hit out at rail fare increases and called again for services to return to public ownership.

TUC analysis found that some an-

nual season tickets will go up by up to £163 a year in the latest round of

General Secretary Frances O'Grady said: "This is an insult to hard-pressed commuters."

Maria full of praise for apprenticeships



Maria Collins

results.

Maria Collins, who works at the Fradley site of Birmingham-based IMI Precision Engineering, believes apprenticeships offer school or college leavers a fantastic way to accelerate their careers and earn while they are learning towards a possible degree.

The 21-year-old trainee engineer is confi-

vider In-Comm Training that it could represent a £100,000 opportunity, which equates to the combined amount an apprentice earns in wages and the debt they avoid on tuition fees if deciding to go to university.

She has just completed a three-year apprenticeship in mechanical engineering and is setting her sights on securing a deence has been fantastic.

at the specialist in fluid power and motion controls. "I saw a lot of my older friends get their degrees and then struggle to find jobs so I thought I'd take a look at doing some-thing vocational that would have a position at the end of it," said Maria, who was named as the Outstanding Learner of the Year at the In-Comm Training Awards in June.

"It has been a great decision. The experi-

Students jubilant at A-levels success rate

By Heather Large

STUDENTS are jumping for joy after picking up top A-level results in the wake of major exam reforms.

There were jubilant scenes at schools and colleges throughout Staffordshire as pupils arrived to pick up their grades.

Nationally, more than one in four A-levels were awarded an A or A* this year – the highest proportion for six years. But the overall pass rate was 97.6 per cent – down from 97.9 per cent last year.

Boys continue to outperform girls at the highest grades for the second year running while STEM – science, technology, engineering and maths – are continuing to rise in popularity, national statistics show.

Kingsmead School in Hednesford

is celebrating its best ever A-level results with a 100 per cent pass rate.

Head of School Maria Mincher said:

"Performance in biology, physics, chemistry, mathematics, English, geography and music demonstrates we add significant value to our students' condemic outcome." academic outcomes.'

Sixth form pupils at **The Hart** School in Rugeley are celebrating after its A-level results improved for

the fifth consecutive year.

The school has recorded year-onyear successes since it became part of

Head of sixth form Ben Brennan said: "There are more Hart School

said: "There are more Hart School students than ever gaining results at A*-B – with over 50 per cent of students getting the top grades."

Erasmus Darwin Academy in Burntwood announced another year of 'extremely pleasing' results, with almost half of its exam entries being achieved at A*, A or B.

The school's principal, Mark Maydew, said: "These fantastic re-



Meghan Hill, Lauren Parry, Aimie Howe, Ethan Thornton and Daniel Waddison, all 18, jump for joy at Kingsmead High School, Hednesford



Ryan Wilson is congratulated by Phil Walklate, vice-principal of Erasmus Darwin Academy



Abbie Sutton and Magnus Stephenson from Chase Grammar School



Students and their teachers celebrate Lichfield Cathedral School's results Picture courtesy of LCS

sults show what happens when students, staff and parents work together with real dedication and a shared

Chase Grammar School celebrated success with 92 per cent of students achieving A*-C.

Paul Silverwood, principal at the school, said: "We are proud of our Van 12 students and success the school said: "We are proud of our

Year 13 students and we would like to

congratulate them on their fantastic

results."
"In light of these results, our students have already secured places at some of the top universities in the country, and we all share their feelings of relief and delight."

At Cheslyn Hay Sport and Community High School 99 per cent of students achieved A* to E grades.

The number of students achieving the highest qualifications rose again with 36 per cent achieving A*-B.

Lichfield Cathedral School students are celebrating 'excellent' results after 83 per cent of all grades were A*-C - 26 per cent higher than

Seventeen per cent of grades were A*-A – up from 11 per cent last year.

Warning as youngsters 'risk lives' at multi-storey

A YOUNGSTER was spotted sitting on the edge of a multi-storey car park – prompting a warning from police. Officers have been calling on people not to sit on the ledges after a number of incidents at the four-storey car park in Cannock.

Cannock police tweeted a photo of a man sitting on the edge of the main multi-storey in the town with the cap-tion: "Is it a bird? Is it a plane? Sat on

the ledge of the multi-storey in Can-nock . . . again."

A spokesman for Staffordshire Po-lice said: "Cannock police have had a few instances recently of young people hanging out on the top of the multi-storey and not appreciating multi-storey and not appreciating how dangerous it is to be so close to

the edge.
"In this case, as in any others, our PCSO advised the young man to move

away from the edge.

"We would, of course, advise anyone in any such a location to be care ful and not to sit so close to the edge if you choose to be there."

This latest warning comes after

Cannock police tweeted that people could be seen sitting on the ledge of the same car park and pleaded with the public to not 'put vourselves and others at risk'.

others at risk".

The Market Hall car park was closed on August 3 by the leaseholder of the building due to concerns over the structure and repair of the car park. St Modwen is investigating the state of the building and have closed it to "market be held building and the closed with the market building and the closed to the building and the closed to the concern the conce it to 'ensure the health and safety of

Further support for abuse victims

DOMESTIC abuse victims will receive extra support in Staffordshire.

New services in the county will provide support for victims following an investment of £6 million over a threeyear period.

year period.

The approach is led by Stafford-shire's Commissioner for Police, Fire and Rescue and Crime, and have been negotiated in partnership with Staffordshire County Council and Stokeon-Trent City Council.

It will mean easier access to support services for thousands of people from Cetaber 1 that focuses on prevention.

October 1 that focuses on prevention, early intervention, and perpetrator rehabilitation.

Regimental reunion

THE Staffordshire Regimental Association will hold their annual reunion on September 1 at Lichfield Social Club, in Purcell Avenue, Lichfield. Call 01543 434392 for tickets.

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Maternity services improving –inspectors

THE formerly failing maternity services at Walsall Manor Hospital are on the up but there is still room for improvement, says inspectors.

The service was handed the lowest rating when the Care Quality Commission (CQC) visited the health trust in June 2017 but it has since improved and has been rated as 'requires improvement' in a report published last week.

Inspectors praised the staff for being 'caring and supportive', and the Transitional Care Unit, which provides extra care for newborn babies who do not need the level of care of a neonatal unit, has been hailed as an example of 'outstanding practice'.

Patients also reported positive care experiences. But areas of poor practice were highlighted including managing infection control risks, an absence of infant abduction drills and some remaining cultural issues with

staff undermining other staff.

The number of 'never' events – a list of serious medical errors that should never happen to patients – also increased to two this year from none between June 2016 and June 2017.

Richard Beeken, the trust's chief executive, said: "Our staff should be really proud of themselves for the way they have responded to last year's disappointing rating and given the CQC greater confidence in our maternity

Thai thank-you over solidaritv

COUNCILLORS in Hednesford have been thanked for their solidarity af ter supporting rescuers who saved 12 Thai schoolboys and their football coach trapped in a flooded cave. They wrote to the Thai ambassa-

dor to Britain to express their good wishes after the boys were rescued before the British diving team arrived before the British diving team arrived home. They also expressed their condolences after the loss of Thai Navy SEAL Saman Kunan who ran out of oxygen during the perilous rescue. Thai Consul Michaya Sinlhinson wrote back to thank them for their concern. Hednesford Town Council chairman Alan Pearson said: "As a former mining community we are

former mining community we are aware of so many past disasters and the dangers of working underground."

Destination Ryton

CHASE Ramblers' outing this Sunday ton Pools near Coventry, meeting at Hednesford railway station car park for a 9am prompt departure. Call for a 9am prompt departure. Call 01543 677816. New walkers welcome.

Time running out for 'dying' high street NEWS IN BRIEF



The closed BHS store in Walsall

tackle closing shops in a 'dying' town

centre, a councillor claims.

Photographs of 16 empty units emerged on Twitter in an attempt to emerged on I witter in an attempt to expose the state of the high street by Councillor Doug James. He said the options for shopping in Walsall were 'dire'. It comes as Marks & Spencer left the town on August 11 after being

in Walsall for more than 80 years.
Two years prior to that, BHS left the town centre and the unit has remained empty since, except for when a Christmas pop-up shop occupied the

cillor James said: "I took photos of 16 empty units in Park Street and in the Saddlers Centre which was during a 10-minute walk.

"That is only skimming the surface, there is a lot more. There is a serious problem of a meltdown of shopping in Walsall. Urgent action needs to be taken because Park Street is dying.

"Footfall will simply stop and peo-ple will not come into Walsall.
"It is strangling people's jobs and the economy in Walsall. The options for shopping in Walsall are dire. I

received their A-level results to con sider coming here or start working in retail. If we do not have any shops, then they have no reason to visit.

"Instead, they are leaving to go to Bentley Bridge or West Bromwich to spend money out of our local econ-omy. People are drifting away and time is running out for Walsall." Walsall Council leader Mike Bird

announced last month that the council is developing a Walsall Town Centre Masterplan but it will not be produced until the end of March 2019.

'Plan ahead' for holiday getaway

PEOPLE are being advised to plan their journey if heading off for the August bank holiday weekend and check online for the latest traffic information.

Roads are expected to be busy from tomorrow (Friday) and there will be engineering work being carried out on ome rail routes.

The Roadzwork app, which was first piloted in Staffordshire, helps drivers avoid roadworks and other incidents on their regular routes by informing them before they set out.

People can also check the Road-

works.org website, which has all of the latest traffic information.

Villagers get set for horn dance

A TRADITIONAL horn dance take place in Abbots Bromley next month.

The 10-mile dance around the par-ish dates from 1226 and attracts visitors from all over the world.

Six deer-men, a fool, hobby horse, bowman and Maid Marian will per-form their dance on September 10 to music provided by a melodian player at locations throughout the village and surrounding country houses farms and local pubs.

The reindeer horns will be collected from the parish church at 8am and returned to the church in the evening.

Electrical fault in flat causes blaze

THE cause of a kitchen fire in Rugeley has been traced to an 'accidental electrical fault,' the fire service said. Crews from Rugeley and Cannock

attended the blaze at a first-floor flat in Lion Street at 6.30am on Thursday. "The flat was heavily smoke logged," a spokesperson for Stafford-

shire Fire and Rescue Service said

"Everyone was out of the flat. How-ever, one person received some treatment for smoke inhalation and was then transferred to Stoke in a land ambulance. The cause of the fire was an accidental electrical fault."

Market team looking for a repeat response

PENKRIDGE Market organisers are hoping for a repeat performance of the May Bank Holiday this weekend.

They will be holding a bank holiday market and car boot sale on Monday

market and car boot sale on Monday from 9am to 3pm.

"Our bank holiday markets are al-ways very popular, but this year has definitely been our busiest," market manager Matt Williams said.

"The hot weather in May brought people out in their thousands."

Tweive years in jail for paranoid knife attacker

A FATHER of two who stabbed his partner in an horrific attack before fleeing through a bedroom window

believing she was dead has been jailed for 12 years.
Timothy Philpott, of Laburnum Avenue, Cannock, plunged an 8in carving knife into his girlfriend's chest so forcefully the handle snapped off. She survived only through the intervention of neighbours who banged on the front door, alarmed at the sound of screaming.



Philpott

Judge Michael Chambers de Judge Michael Chambers de-scribed it as a 'sustained and horrific' attack and said Phil-pott posed a high risk of harm to the public. His partner was feeding their four-week-old baby in the bedroom when she particed his mebile phone flock noticed his mobile phone flashing and realised he had been using a dating app, Stafford Crown Court heard.

Philpott woke and snatched the phone from her and rammed his fingers into her mouth from behind. The 26-year-old managed to put the baby on the bed but the defendant got on

the baby on the bed but the defendant got on top of her, the court heard. As she screamed at him 'you could have killed my baby', he stopped and apologised, offering to leave the property. She asked for her phone back so she could call the police, which led him to punch her in the face, causing her to hit her head on the bed-room wall and fall to the floor. As she law in the feetal position, Philpott

As she lay in the foetal position, Philpott kicked her in the face and stamped on her head. Once more he was overcome with remorse but a 'red mist' descended when she told him he would not see their children again. He said 'I might as well kill you' and after fetching a carving knife from the kitchen, he stabbed her

carving knife from the kitchen, he stabbed her in the stomach, threw her against the dressing table and attempted to slash her throat.

Philpott escaped through a bedroom window believing he had killed his partner, said Mr Michael Aspinall, prosecuting. His defence counsel said he had a mental disorder and got himself into a 'paranoid frenzy' believing his partner was cheating on him. Philpott had pleaded guilty to attempted murder. pleaded guilty to attempted murder

Bravery of rafting drama man



Samuel Leeds, back home safely but with a broken leg, with wife Amanda and daughter Ruby

SELF-MADE millionaire Samuel Leeds is determined to bounce back after shattering his kneecap during a white-water rafting acci-dent on the River Nile. The 27-year-old is at home with

his wife Amanda in Lichfield, but his leg is in full plaster cast and he has been told by doctors he may

not be able to walk properly again.

Mr Leeds, a devout Christian, says the setback will not stop his

missions on the African continent, and his work as a successful busi-

nessman back home.

He was in Uganda visiting villages benefitting from rainwater collection tanks he had paid for when he went rafting on an adventure expedition. The raft adventure expedition. The raft capsized and he was thrown 20ft

down a waterfall.

"I'm determined to prove the doctors wrong," he said.



Samuel rafting before the drama



IN MY VIEW

Unexpected saviour brings hope to Beatties

WHEN questioned about allegations of Dickensian working conditions at his Sports Direct warehouse, Mike Ashley famously told MPs "I'm not Father Christ-

ramously told MPS 1 m not rather christ-mas. That came shortly after he had told them "you can't house train me." Given that, many will understandably be sceptical that he is being touted as the knight in shining armour running to the rescue of Beatties.

But still, any port in a storm, and after spending £90 million buying the House of Fraser chain out of administration, Mr Ashley is at least making the right noises about keeping 80 per cent of its stores open, and turning it into the 'Harrods of the high street'.

Many will wonder why Mr Ashley has chosen to invest in such a risky venture at a time when people are said to be deserting the high street in droves. I suspect the ing the nigh street in droves. I suspect the purchase is far less about making money, and more about boosting his reputation. Saving a venerable department store chain with a rich history will give him a standing in the business world that no amount of discount sports wear ever will.

If this is the case, there is cause for hope. We all know Mike Ashley is not the sentimental type, but if he is looking at a bigger picture then that can only be a

a bigger picture then that can only be a good thing.

As for turning House of Fraser into the Harrods of the high street, well I guess the proof will be in the pudding. If the new autumn collection consists of shell suits and Reeboks, I suspect some will consider it only a partial success. consider it only a partial success.

STAYING on the high street, it has been revealed that Dudley Council's coffers have taken a £500,000 hit since introducing free parking. Now, in the context of the average household budget, half a mil-lion pounds sounds like a lot. But when it comes to council finances, it is a drop in the ocean. About £1.60 per head, which seems pretty good value to me.

Certainly better value than the £6.7

Certainly better value than the 15.7 million spent on the market place redevelopment a few years ago. And which do you think brings the most people into the town – free parking or block paving? Yes the high street is still struggling, but imagine how many more businesses would have been lost were people still expected to pay for parking and

es would have been lost were people still expected to pay for parking. And how much money would have been lost in business rates, dealing vandalism, fly posters and graffiti were it not for this modest expenditure?

The decision to provide shoppers with free parking in Dudley was a masterstroke. Maybe some of our other local authorities should follow suit.

Elba statesman – or is 45-year-old actor a solid Bond?



45-year-old Idris Elba, too old for Bond? Whisper it, but Roger Moore was older, aged 46!



Another troubling week for Jeremy Corbyn in the wake of more anti-semitism rumblings



Striking similarities to Jezzer – another Jeremy C, Clarkson, eventually kicked out by the Beeb

Wreathgate may lock Corbyn out for good

OFF to the pub for a steak which, in the latest fashion for bizarre methods of serving (chips in buckets, etc), came on a waxed napkin on a breadboard. It was almost impossible to eat because each mouthful of steak contained a serving of napkin but the staff look horrified when I asked them to put it on a proper plate. A reader tells me he was once served a bread roll in a carpet slipper. Any other weird dining experiences welcome.

THE perils of family trees. A reader revisited her home town and called at the local museum in the hope of discovering famous or distinguished relatives. She found a display board used in an exhibition a couple of years ago featuring a Victorian photograph showing her great-great uncle. It should have been a proud moment but the text revealed that "unfortunate ly his nickname in the village was Farty because his initials were WC". Never meet your heroes.

I SUGGESTED that Idris Elba, now 45, might I SUGGESTED that Idris Elba, now 45, might be a tad old to be embarking on a career as James Bond. A reader points out that the present incumbent, Daniel Craig, is 50. Maybe so. But when he took over the 007 mantle in 2005 Craig was a spry young 37. In Ian Fleming's books, Bond's age is not revealed, and he never ages. However there is a clue in one passage referring to the secret-service retirement age which suggests he is 25. which suggests he is 37.

IN a perfect world for Corbynism, this torrid week of Wreathgate would end with the discovery of Jeremy's Secret Photo Album and all the wicked smears would vanish. Comrade Jez's stock response when challenged about meeting Irish or Middle Eastern terrorists is to put on his most pious expression and say he wants an end

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



IRA murders because he condemns all murders. He does not need to condemn Palestinian rocket attacks on Israel because he condemns all attacks. He would have us believe he is reaching out to all in the quest for peace. As he said of the Tunisia affair: "I was there because I wantof the fullista affair. Twas there because I want-ed to see a fitting memorial to everyone who has died in every terrorist incident everywhere because we have to end it. You cannot pursue peace by a cycle of violence; the only way you can pursue peace is by a cycle of dialogue."

SOUNDS terrific, doesn't it? But where, exactly, is the dialogue? How much time has Jeremy Corbyn spent talking to the other sides? Where are the photos of this saintly allotment white are the photos of this saintly allotment keeper meeting Israeli families bereaved by Palestinian killers? Where are the pictures of him shaking hands with Protestant paramilitaries in Ulster or comforting those maimed by IRA bombs? Maybe all those images are tucked away in Jeremy's Secret Photo Album. Or maybe not.

A TALE of two Jeremys...The potentially disastrous Wreathgate saga reminds me of Jeremy Clarkson who, having a certain charisma and lots of fans, got away with mistake after mistake until one night he called his producer a "lazy Irish ***** and punched him. That was the tipping point, the end of Clarkson at the Beeb and I suspect we are nearing the end of Corbyn.

This prospect may scare his supporters but it

WHY are we waiting? According to the latest reports, police have CCTV footage of suspects in the Salisbury nerve-agent incidents. So why have they not released it? CCTV captures only a moment in time. Figuring out where those people were, and what they did, before or after the filming is crucial and Joe Public may have the answers. So why can't Joe Public see the footage?

AND here's another Salisbury puzzle. Cops seem to have assumed that the bottle allegedly containing the Novichok agent and found in a local park was the only bottle used. For all we know, a second or third bottle may be lying undiscovered or, worse, sitting on somebody's mantelpiece. Again, releasing an image of the discovered bottle might jog someone's memory. But no images have been shown. It is all very

OH, brave new world. My eye was caught by a feature about a new "switching glass" window which can be installed in your bathroom. Flick a switch and it turns from clear to opaque, so you cannot be seen, even if passers-by or your neighbours are just a few feet away. As long as the power is on, your privacy is guaranteed. What could possibly go wrong? You switch on the light, the window goes blank. You disrobe and relax in the bath. You fall asleep. There is a

THIS week's hot news from the world of medical research is that salt is not as harmful as the experts thought last week but vaping is more harmful than the experts thought last week. Anyone care to guess what next week will bring?

TALKING POINT

Weight for it! It's time to accept I'm a fattie

PASS me the chocolate biscuits. I've de cided, once and for all to accept my fate, I have no option but to realise I will be an overweight person for the rest of my days on this planet. It's an unfortunate, but necessary admission, for the sake of

my sanity.
Yep, the size 32in-waist jeans that looked so good five years ago, are bound for the charity shop, unless I append them with some kind of industrial-strength fastener but then movement would become

tener, but then movement would become difficult and sitting down, impossible.

Recently – as I suffer the catch-up effects of a life of relative contentment, via the occasional pint and kebab/Indian/piz-za, etc – things seem to have taken a turn for the worse. It's a difficult situation to come to terms with. When trying on new lettes in a sterie, charging regers and

for the worse. It's a difficult situation to come to terms with. When trying on new clothes in a store's changing rooms and being horrified at what you see before you, it's so easy to blame the mirror. Then spend the rest of the day shying away from reflections, neck-down anyway, after landing back home.

You talk things over with your other half, say you're worried about how much weight you're putting on, and then they very helpfully show you a photograph of you from a year ago, which shows the double chins, paunch and general rosy-cheeked glow of a chubby 50-something. Great, thanks for that!

In a light bulb moment, I think it might be something to do with a new inhaler for my asthma, Symbicort, and seeking some kind of vindication, of course I turn to the internet. I search for Symbicort and on entering the 'w' for weight gain, up comes a lengthy list of people who seem to think the drug is the cause for their own expanding waistline!

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Armed with this erm... foolproof evidence, I then tackle my GP on the issue and it's not hard to see her difficulty in trying to maintain a straight face. Blood tests follow to investigate the possibility of an underactive thyroid, and cholesterol levels – all to no avail levels - all to no avail

levels – all to no avail.

So it seems, lifestyle needs to be looked at. I dig out that book my missus bought me (again, thanks!) by a certain lifestyle guru, with advice on workouts and diet, and it soon occurs to me that he (hairy pretty boy with biceps, you know who I mean!) must be in league with a leading supermarket, as all the recipes have the most hard to find ingredients, which will cost an absolute fortune to buy!

It seems everybody these days is on

the take. Come the revolution, us fatties will line him and his ilk up against the wall and force-feed them cream cakes, beer and French cheese until they are like the rest of us...

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Number in work hits record high in region

Fundraising is in fashion



From left, Adrienne Fitzgerald, Kath Myatt, Stroke Association volunteer Pat Stanley, Audrey Walker and Hyra Sutton

FUNDRAISERS turned on the style to collect cash for charity with a night of 'fashion and friendship'.

A fashion show was organised by Cannock Chase Conservative Asso-ciation's events team in partnership with the Cannock Tuesday Stroke

Support Group.

Women – and 'the occasional man' – flocked to The Roman Way Hotel on the A5 at Hatherton to

see discounted clothing and latest fashions modelled. Pat Stanley, from the support group, was presented with a cheque for £472.50 by Adrienne Fitzgerald, vice-chair for funding for the Cannock Chase Conservation Association. Conservative Association.

The next fashion show will be held on February 6 at The Roman Way Hotel and tickets will go on sale in the new year.

THE number of people claiming unemployment benefits in Staffordshire fell again last month as the wider West Midlands hit a record high for the number in work.

The claimant count, which includes Job-seeker's Allowance and the unemployment

seeker's Allowance and the unemployment element of Universal Credit, was down by 120 across the county to 6,855 in July – 1.3 per cent of the working population.

Stafford led the way with a fall of 60 to 810 (one per cent), Cannock Chase had a reduction of 45 to 825 (1.3 per cent), South Staffordshire reduced by 25 to 930 (1.4 per cent) and I lob field bud five forware deigners. cent) and Lichfield had five fewer claimants at 785 (1.3 per cent).

The number in work in the West Mid-

The number in work in the west Mid-lands, which includes Staffordshire, reached 2.79 million in the three months to June and there were 133,000 unemployed in the region – an unemployment rate of 4.5 per cent of the working population – down 6,000 on the previous quarter and a fall of 31,000 on the year.

Increase

Nationally unemployment was down 65,000 to 1.36 million – the lowest total since February 1975 – figures from the Office for National Statistics showed.

The West Midlands saw the largest in-

crease in the employment rate in the coun-

try at 1.2 per cent and its employment rate is now 74.9 per cent, also a record high. The Staffordshire unemployment figure has remained the same for the last three

has remained the same for the last three months.

The county council's economic growth leader Mark Winnington said: "It is encouraging to see that we have continued near full employment in the county at the same time as we submit our development plans for the extension at i54 South Staffordshire. fordshire.

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Footpath is dangerous

I AM worried about the state of the footpath in Mil-licent Close, Hednesford. It's in a bad state of re-

pair. I sent Staffordshire County Council an email last year and they did a quick repair job in three places. In my opinion it all needs replacing. Folk walk in the road as it's more even. Someone will

fall sooner or later.

BOB SIMCOX

Hednesford

Missing the point on rise

MR & Mrs Hood ask whether they should thank the Government for the 25p increase in their pension.

More to the point would be to ask why Mrs May has decided to give £600 from every one of us to the EU.

GRAHAME WIGGIN Cannock Chase UKIF

Survey can shed light on emotional needs Support the Comments on cleanliness ALMOST 3.7 million people have been psychological and mental health supbetes makes you feel, and whether the

diagnosed with diabetes in the UK.
The condition doesn't just affect peo-

ple physically but has a big emotional impact that is equally harmful and is often overlooked.

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port for people with diabetes to become a priority.

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If you are living with diabetes, if you're a parent of a child or a carer for someone with diabetes, please com-Your experiences will help us make tionalsupport by September 30.

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Diabetes UK

Remove profit factor LETTERS TO THE EDITOR to solve drug problem

NO country will ever eliminate the drug problem while there is a profit motive.

Therefore, take away the profit. Do the same with drugs

as has been done with cannabis.

Do not legalise them but make them available at chemists at a nominal cost, and in strictly limited supply as needed, to registered drug addicts.

The billions saved in police costs, court costs, customs costs, gang warfare, jail costs are immeasurable, not to mention lives saved, public safety and burglaries. I did send a similar letter to the Home Secretary a year ago and was informed that they have the drug problem 'under control'.

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Fight for research

EYE research charity Fight for Sight has launched a campaign to raise aware-ness of eye health and the desperate need for more re-

desperate need for more re-search funding.

This is an issue close to my heart. Very many peo-ple of my age are starting to have difficulty with their sight and right now there are over two million people in the UK affected by sight loss - a fource set to double a figure set to double

10ss – a ngure set to double by 2050.

The answer lies in re-search. However, eye re-search remains woefully underfunded.

I hope others will join me in supporting Fight for Sight to achieve the next breakthrough, so we can build a future where every-

one can see.
BETTY BOOTHROYD

made me proud of town

MY brother was visiting from Australia recently and had a walk around Cannock town centre. He was very impressed, with the range of shops, facili-ties, and especially the cleanliness of the town.

ties, and especially the cleanliness of the town.

He especially appreciated that the pavements were not covered with litter or spat-out chewing gum.

I was surprised and proud for the compliment on behalf of my town, so I hope folks will continue to take pride in how our town looks to people from elsewhere.

LESLEY HARRISON

Cannock

Uniforms or the basics?

WHY should pupils have to have specified uniforms to be able to be part of the future youngsters' education? Some families can't afford school uniforms without neglecting other basics such as food which is the basic of good health. Another case of "Those who hath will always hath as long as the hathers' keep the non-hathers down".

PHILIP EVANS

A-boards answer is easy

I THINK I may have missed the point on A-boards. Is Cannock council trying to protect the disabled? Easy: ban them all. Making shopkeepers pay to keep them helps no-one.

ROGER ALLEN

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Cannock Soroptimists

CANNOCK Soroptimists have become aware of a growing problem in this country – families who can-

not afford to buy sanitary wear needed each month.
A survey found that more than 137,700 girls have missed school in the last year because they couldn't afford, sanitary, products. afford sanitary products, while six per cent of parents have admitted they have resorted to either stealing or going without something to provide for their daughter's

Women's Aid is aware of women's Ald is aware of the issue, many food banks distribute sanitary products and there are specialist dis-tribution centres set up. Cannock Soroptimists made an initial collection

of products to give to Staf-fordshire Women's Aid to be donated to women in the Cannock area and the club is looking into ways of set-ting up collection and distribution on a more regular

As this needs more help As this needs more help than a local collection can provide, SI Cannock & Dis-trict has set up a petition on the Government peti-tion site for free sanitary productions to be provided for young women in receipt of free school meals Some of free school meals. Some 10,000 signatures will elicit a response from Government and 00,000 will bring a debate in Parliament.

The petition can be accessed on either the Government petition site or on the petitions page of the SIGBI site: www.sigbi.org

Petition for Induction of club's honorary members



Paul Sharman, Councillor Paul Witton, President David Gardiner, Steve Pedgler, Beverly Ricketts, Don Dyer and Norman Holden

 AT a special meeting, honarary members were inducted into the club for the new ro-

President David Gardiner was delighted to induct the Chairman of Cannock Chase District Council, Councillor Paul Witton, Chairman of Cannock Chase Probus Steve Pegler, District 1210 Alumni Beverly Rick-etts together with Rotarians Don Dyer and Paul Wakelin.

David announced that the MP for Cannock Chase Amanda Milling and Laura Brown from the charity Therapies Unite were also elected as honorary members of the Cannock club but unfortunately could not attend that evening. However both plan

Rotary Club of Cannock

visit the club in the very near future The Cannock club has recently increased its membership to 41 plus seven honorary members.

The evening also included the presenta tion of two long service awards to Paul Sharman and Norman Holden who have both served Rotary and the local community

for 40 years.

To find out more about the Rotary Club of Cannock,email secretary@cannockrotary co.uk or visit www.cannockrotary.co.uk

Two new members welcomed

IN the absence of president Margaret Beddard, Sue Da-vidson welcomed members to the July meeting, includ-ing newcomers Jane Hayes and Dawn Shine and visitor Sheila Reader.

Shareshill WI

of long-standing member Dolcie Clewley. Thoughts are with Patsy, her daugh-ter and the Clewley family.

hampton University, and alongside other Stafford-shire WI members learned how to make bath bombs, lir balms, body lotion and distil

Speakers were Gareth Pugh and Becky from the Hilton Green project.

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Big rise in arson attacks prompts 'huge concern'

fordshire countryside have more than quadrupled this summer compared with 2017.

New figures show that the number of deliberate grass and rubbish fires in the county increased by more than 400 per cent during the first three weeks of

the school holidays compared with the same period last year. Firefighters had dealt with 414 blazes in the three weeks between July

blazes in the three weeks between July 20 and August 12, 323 of which were deliberate. This was compared with 79 in the same period of 2017, of which 64 were started on purpose.

Chief Fire Officer Becci Bryant, is urging people to think and take care when outdoors for the remainder of the summer. She said the number of fires started on purpose was of 'huge concern'. concern'.

Caught

She said: "An individual thinks they're having a bit of fun, but they're actually putting themselves, the public and our firefighters – my firefighters – at risk. They are also seriously risking their own future. If they are caught and found guilty they could go to prison."

Ms Bryant also revealed that in the

last three weeks 16 fires had been de-liberately started in Cannock, com-pared with six last year. Stafford had seen 22 during the

same period, compared with two in 2017. And South Staffordshire saw 23 deliberate blazes, whereas only three were started last year.

were started last year.
Glynn Luznyj, director of prevent
and protect at Staffordshire Fire and
Rescue Service, said: "It is really sad
to see so much of our countryside devastated by these fires, many of which
are deliberate."



Arsonists are suspected of setting fire to this field of crops in Little Wyrley

Fire casualties up by 16pc

THE number of people killed or in-jured in fires in Staffordshire rose by 16 per cent last year – and union bosses have warned that cuts to services are 'damaging public safety

Seven people died, while 189 were injured by fires in Staffordshire in 2017-18, latest Home Office figures have revealed. And 41 of the people injured in 2017-18 went to hospital.

This was a rise in casualties com-pared with 2016-17 when five people were killed and 164 injured. And the

also rose last year, from 3,198 in 2016-17 to 3,318 in 2017-18.

The Fire Brigades Union, which represents firefighters and other fire and rescue service staff, has said government cuts were affecting public safety.
In Staffordshire, firefighter num-

bers have fallen by more than 100 in seven years. The fire service had the equivalent of 845 full-time firefighters on its payroll in 2010 but this fell to 753 in 2016 and 707 in 2017.



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Owners get their pride and joy back



The couple with a picture of their motor home before it was stolen and vandalised and later found in Bloxwich

A £28,000 motorhome that was stolen and vandalised has

John Turner, aged 70, and Jane Turner, 64, called their motorhome their pride and joy because they would use it to travel during their retirement but it was taken from their home in Chancery Drive, Hednesford, earlier this month.

As they came to terms with the fact they may never get it back, West Midlands Police discovered it more than eight miles away in Bloxwich, in a poor condition.

Mr Turner said: "They were so quiet about getting into

We were shocked to find it had gone when we woke up. We think they must have rolled it off the drive before starting it up down the street. It was such a loss because we must have travelled 30,000 or 40,000 miles across the UK and Europe in it in the four years we had it."

and Europe in it in the four years we had it."
It is thought the thieves had cloned the key of the motorhome. He added: "I don't know how much it will cost to fix
but she is our pride and joy."
Mr Turner, a retired engineer, and Mrs Turner, a
retired teaching assistant, are to invest in more security measures.

Hundreds given lifestyle tips

HUNDREDS of people in Staffordshire are benefitting from advice on how to improve their healthy lifestyle.

Since June, Everyone Health Staf-fordshire has established 105 clinics that people aged 50 years and over who reside in specific target areas can

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Services are delivered through one-to-one and group sessions.

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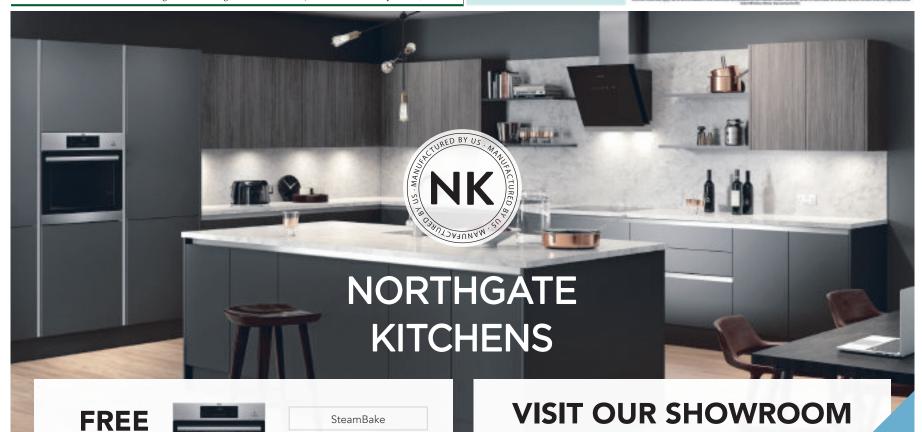
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Judges toured six finalists who were all

Judges toured six minaists who were all put forward for their colourful hanging baskets, eye-catching planters and outstanding kerb appeal, and the Shoal Hill Tavern, in Sandy Lane, emerged victorious. Licensee Doug Wilkinson said: "We have really transformed the place over the past six years."

Pub is winner G4S in battle to keep Oakwood Events to raise a tasty amount

es a battle to hang on to Oakwood Prison - amid the crisis engulfing Winson Green jail.

The Birmingham prison has been taken into government control after a damning

inspection.
Wolverhampton North East MP Emma
Reynolds is questioning whether the Oakwood
prison, which houses 2,071 inmates in Featherstone, should also be taken back by the Ministry of Justice.

G4S was stripped of control of Winson Green, now known as HMP Birmingham, following

spection found:

- Prisoners openly dealing and smoking drugs
- Staff asleep on duty
 Widespread bullying
 Filthy conditions

Labour MP Ms Reynolds said she was alarmed by the 'appalling situation' at Winson Green and said it raised concerns about HMP Oakwood, which is also run by G4S.

But the contractor insists it will be busines

as usual at the Featherstone jail and the loss of

HMP Birmingham would have no impact.
The running of the Featherstone prison was praised following a recent inspection, although

staff. The jail was heavily criticised in 2013 but its performance has since improved. The MoJ said prisons run by private contractors are continually monitored. A spokesman said: "There are challenges across the prison estate, not just private but also public."

A G4S spokeswoman said the Government's decision on Winson Green 'changes nothing at Oakwood'. G4S was awarded a 15-year contract.

in 2011, believed to be worth £30 million, to operate Birmingham Prison. Prison inspections chief Mr Clarke said there had been an 'abject failure' of contract management and delivery. Of the 16 privately-run UK jails, five are run by G4S, including Oakwood and Winson Green.

a tasty amount

MIDLANDS Air Ambulance (MAAC) is urging people across the Midlands to host their own MAAC'N'CHEESE

event to raise funds for the lifesaving group.
The cheese-inspired fundraiser is scheduled during National Air Ambulance Week

which runs from September 10 to 16.

People are being encouraged to hold their

reopie are being encouraged to noid their own events – from lunchtimes in the office to Friday nights in with friends.

The charity has enlisted support from Herefordshire-based business, The Mouse-trap Cheese Shop, which is selling cheese packs for the event. For more details go to midlandsairambulance.com

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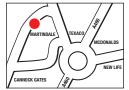
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Focus on story of lost village



From left, Philip and Margaret Grainger, Linda Barratt and artist Karen Wicks



A photograph featured in the exhibition at the Museum of Cannock Chase

STORIES of an historic lost Staffordshire village, born during the First World War, are being told in a new exhibition.

The Museum of Cannock Chase is invit-

ing people to attend the showcase, which tells the tale of the village of Brindley. Born from the Great War, over time the

residents have relocated and the village is no more. But the Brindley Village Legacy Group won a substantial grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund and has created an exhibition about the village and those who lived there from the memories and objects of former residents.

The Brindley Village – A Legacy of the Great War exhibition was unveiled on Sat-

Great War exhibition was unveiled on Sat-urday and will run at the Hednesford mu-seum until September 30.

Opened 102 years ago in 1916, Brindley Heath Military Hospital became a feature of the Cannock Chase landscape for nearly 40 years, after treating soldiers suffering from shell shock and gas poisoning during the

war. At the point when this was no longer war. At the point when this was no longer necessary, the hospital's extensive collection of buildings was purchased by the local colliery company, which converted huts into bungalow type accommodation for its workforce a West Cannock No 5 pit – and Bringer dley Village, complete with its own school,

was born.

With this exhibition, the Brindley Village Legacy Group hopes to capture the essence and the spirit of the villagers from all those years ago, as they supported each other and developed a tight community in the aftermath of First World War. The village was in operation between 1924 to 1954 and was a

close-knit and thriving community.

Today, the people who used to live there are trying to keep the memory alive by gathering together as much information as they can to create the community exhi-bition. For more information on Brindley Village – A Legacy of the Great War head

Residents keeping | Guide in aid an eye on speeders

A CRACKDOWN on speeding has been launched as residents expressed their concerns about dangerous driving on a main road. Residents in Rugeley are concerned about how fast drivers travel along Armitage Road.

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Now they have the opportunity to sign up to Staffordshire Police's Community Speed Watch initiative. Rugeley district councillor Darren Foley said: "Residents have raised the issue of speeding in Armitage Road. If there is enough interest a community speed watch session that will give those involved the ability to run their own scheme."

An information session will take place at 7pm on August 28 at Brereton Library, in Talbot Road, Brereton, for anyone interested in the scheme.

Michelle Shaker, Community Speed Watch coordinator.

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Michelle Shaker, Community Speed Watch co-ordinator
for the police, said: "Our Community Speed Watch initiative continues to flourish and we're delighted that Rugeley

The Satt is Decision our gods safer." residents are joining the fight in keeping our roads safer.

of hospice

WALSALL'S 'running am bassador' Mark Dabbs has released a new booklet on

released a new booklet on war memorials in the West Midlands to raise funds for the St Giles Hospice Appeal. The publication documents more than 150 memorials to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War. Copies can be obtained for £5 from the Walsall St Giles Hospice shop in Walsall

Hospice shop in Walsall next to the bus station or by emailing Mark on mark. dabbs@walsallhealthcare. nhs.uk

Ex-soldier is lifted by tough cycle ride



Carl Watkiss was among a group of wounded, injured and sick veterans supported along the route by Help for Heroes

A FORMER soldier from Rugeley has returned home after completing Scotland's infamous cycling challenge – the North Coast 500 – at the invitation of the ride's patron, Prince Charles. Carl Watkiss, aged 41, was among a group of wounded, injured and sick veterans supported along the route by Help for Heroes as part of their road to recovery.

The tough 516-mile cycle ride around the North Coast of Scotland comprises seven back to back rides, starting and finishing in Wick, and incorporating 31,568ft of climbing including the infamous Bealach-Na-Ba which rates 11/10 in the Greatest Cycling Climbs book.

"That hill, which was on the second day, was the hardest I have ever done," Carl said.

It wasn't the first Scottish cycling feat that Carl had completed. Last year, he was part of a Help for Heroes team that took part in Macavalanche – an enduro mountain bike ride down the snowy slopes of Glencoe. "Cycling is my way of releasing all my stress and anxiety – fresh air, scenery and keeping fit all in one sport," he added. A FORMER soldier from Rugeley has returned home af-

Police forces now have to hire civilian investigators

THE Staffordshire and West Midlands police forces are hiring a record number of 'civilian investigators' to cover a shortage in officers.

A total of 126 investigators were being used by West Midlands Police in April and 89 by Staffordshire Police, an investigation by the Chronicle's sis-

By Alex Ross

case file.

"The sorts of jobs an investigating officer might be tasked with include house-

to-house inquiries, getting statements, assisting with interviews and compiling information for the police's

"Investigative officers are

used to provide support in investigations for detectives and neighbourhood officers to help them focus on more

advanced tasks and to pro-

gress the investigation."

West Midlands Police has

spent more than £4m on ci-vilian officers since 2014.

In the West Midlands the civilian officers get up to £26,802 a year, and £24,030 in Staffordshire.

ter paper the Express & Star has found.

This compares with a combined total of 51 in 2014. Investigators receive six to eight weeks training covering interviewing, taking statements, criminal law and building a case file.

Jobs also include carrying

out house-to-house inquiries

following a crime.

The increased use of the officers come as both forces record drops in officer numbers due to policing cuts.

A spokesman for Stafford-shire Police said: "Every in-vestigative officer receives six to eight weeks' training

before they start in the role.
"They will assist a detective with an investigation. The detective will make all the decisions around an investigation and be assisted by the investigating officer.

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Pensioner died after fall from toll bridge

A PENSIONER died when he was hit by a lor-ry after falling from a bridge on the M6 Toll, an inquest in Cannock heard.

Philippe Morgan, known as Phil, walked to the bridge from his home in Watling Street, Bridgtown. The 68-year-old, who suffered from severe epilepsy, is understood to have had a seizure causing him to fall to his death.

The hearing was told a post mortem found he died of multiple injuries incident which happened at about 8.30am on February 23 between junctions T7 and T8.

Pc Matt Lovatt, of the regional collision investigation unit at Staffordshire Police, said: "It was a clear cold

said: "It was a clear cold morning and there were no problems with visibility and the roads were not icy.
"It happened around five minutes walk from his home. I spoke to neighbours who had seen him go for a walk so it would have been reasonable for him to have been there at that time.

been there at that time.
"Witnesses said he was
alone on the bridge. He was seen leaning onto the parapet and rocking back-wards and forwards on the

By Tom Oakley

railings. He suffered from arthritis and so would have been difficult for him to climb over the railings. The driver of the HGV has described having no time to stop. He does appear to have

reacted quite quickly."

Mr Morgan had a vagus
nerve stimulation (VNS) device fitted last year, which had helped to control his sei-zures. When he could first feel a seizure coming on, he would move a wristband towards his chest but Pc Lo-vatt said he was not wearing the wristband at the time.

Coroner Andrew Haigh recorded a narrative verdict concluding that his death was from falling from a bridge while suffering epileptic seizure.

Golfers raise funds for needy children



Karen Williams from the Buddy Bag Foundation and Martin Ward, MD of Four Oaks Financial Services Ltd

A FIRM of financial advisers based in Lichfield raised funds for its chosen charity, the Buddy Bag Foundation, at its second annual golf day. Golfers and guests of Four Oaks Financial Services Ltd

Golfers and guests of Four Oaks Financial Services Ltd donated double the sum that was raised at last year's event. The £440 raised will directly help 17 individual children, who will each receive a buddy bag that contains pyjamas, underwear, toothbrushes and toiletries but also comfort items such as a book, felt pens and paper and a cuddly toy. Chris Williams from Buddy Bag said 48,000 children every year in the UK find themselves in women's refuges with just the clothes on their back. Four Oaks MD Martin Ward said: "Our team is very supportive, giving their time to pack the bags, donating money to enable us to provide the buddy bag contents and sourcing cuddly toys.

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Pickford's gloves in safe hands with fan Patrick

ONE lucky Wolves fan got more than he bargained for when he asked for Jordan Pickford's signature.

Patrick Mosedale couldn't believe his luck when instead of just signing the gloves he was presented with, the England and Everton shot-stopper took off his own gloves and gave them to the five-year-old.

His first season at the Molineux saw Wolves win the championship and gain promotion to the premiership.

The start to his second season has seen him land one of the most sought after pieces of football memorabilia in the country - England ace and Everton star Jordan Pickford's goalkeeper

Sign

Young Patrick couldn't believe his luck when England's number one gave him his luminous green Nike gloves at the end of the 2-2 clash between Wolves and Everton.

Patrick five, had taken his own gloves to Molineux for the Everton and England shot-stopper to sign but Pick-

Ford gave him his own instead.

Patrick was so pleased with the gloves that he couldn't be separated from them, even taking them to bed

that night.

Mum Natalie Mosedale, aged 29, from Pelsall, says his brother Billy, aged eight, who couldn't be at the game due to illness, was overjoyed after Patrick received the keeper's

Mrs Mosedale said: "It was at the end of the game. At the beginning of the game they went with a programme and a pen to get signatures. "My youngest wanted to take his



Patrick even sleeps with the gloves

Ace shot stopper Jordan Pickford

goalie gloves and at the end of the game we went to see if we could get Pickford to sign them. He held his gloves out at the end and Pickford just took his own gloves off and he gave them to my son Patrick.

"When he got them he did a little squeal and ran over to his dad and his

"The only words out of his mouth for the rest of the night was Pickford this, Pickford that."

gloves his mum even managed to snap him sleeping with them.
Since posting the pictures to Twit-

ter. Natalie has received more than

1,000 likes and offers to buy the gloves.
She said: "We are going to get them put into a perspex box. Somebody has already asked if they can buy them off us. Patrick had a really good time.

The Mosedale family, who all have season tickets for The Billy Wright stand, sit near to the dugout section of the ground – a position that has seen the family brushing shoulders with the stars more than once.

Both Patrick and his brother Billy got to meet Wolves boss Nuno and midfielders Ruben Neves and Diogo Jota last year.



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A5 death crash driver must do unpaid work

A DRIVER whose 'brief lapse in concentration' led to the death of a motorcyclist has been ordered to do 300 hours' unpaid work.

Heather Clapton, aged 38, of Union Street, Cannock, was found guilty of caus-ing death by careless driving following a collision on the A5 in which rider Conna

collision on the A5 in Winich Fider Conna Stewart of Norton Canes died.

She had been on her way home after meeting a friend at The Bell Inn at Tong when her Renault Megane pulled out in front of Mr Stewart's Suzuki motorcycle at Weston-under-Lizard.

A trial at Stafford Crown Court heard she

A trial at Stafford Crown Court heard she had failed to check the road behind her sufficiently before performing the manoeuvre on the evening of May 1 last year.

The human resources manager claimed to have looked in her rear and wing mirrors before overtaking the car ahead of her but admitted it had been only a cursory glance.

Below

She had seen Mr Stewart, one of several motorcyclists riding behind her, earlier but by the time she pulled out to overtake, the Suzuki was alongside her and there was a collision. The 24-year-old died at the scene.

Clapton had not drunk alcohol at the pub, the court heard, and there was no sug-gestion she had been speeding. However, Judge Jonathan Salmon described her driving as 'falling below the standard expected of a careful and competent driver' and said: "In a brief lapse of concentration you didn't see the motorcycle."

see the motorcycle.

Mr Stephen Mooney, defending, said she had suffered post-traumatic stress following the incident and had not driven since.

The defendant was cleared of the more serious charge of causing death by danger-

ous driving by a unanimous verdict.

In addition to the unpaid work, she was ordered to pay £3,000 costs and disqualified from driving for four years.

Jed's drama to be aired



Richard Madden, left, Keeley Hawes and Jed Mercurio at the launch of the BBC series Bodyguard

A NEW drama from the Stafford-

shire-born writer of Line of Duty is to hit TV screens this weekend. Jed Mercurio, who grew up in Cannock, is back with his new contemporary thriller Bodyguard, made by World Productions for BBC One. According to a tweet from Mercu-rio, the drama will begin across two

consecutive nights before switching

to weekly episodes.

Bodyguard will start on Sunday at 9pm, with the second episode airing on Monday. It will then air once a week on Sundays. The six-part series stars Line of Duty alumni Keeley Hawes and Game of Thrones actor Richard Madden.





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Songs for You back at hall

A POPULAR music programme for people living with dementia is returning next

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Health department.

The sessions provide an opportunity for those living with dementia and their carers to come together for song, chat and a cup of tea. Any older adult experiencing isola-

tion is also welcome to join in. The Stafford sessions resume from 2.30pm at the Green Gore Lane centre.

Arts for Health project worker Helen Wilson said: "These are fun sessions, funded by the People's Postcode Lottery which are great for anyone who loves to sing, has an interest in music, or just wants to be some-where joyous, safe and friendly." For more information contact Helen Wil-

son on 01785 221328 or 07964 208542 or email helen.wilson@mpft.nhs.uk

Angry residents start petition over crashes

RESIDENTS plagued by dangerous drivers have started a petition after a car ploughed through a garden wall. The incident happened in Lilac Avenue, Cannock. A teenager was arrested on suspicion of driving with no licence or insurance and giving a positive breath test. The 18-year-old was released pending inquiries by the police. Residents claim

that it was the fourth incident of this kind in the past four years and have started a petition, which so far has about 150 signatures, calling on Staffordshire County Council to introduce speed calming measures on the road. Christine Morris, aged 59, and her husband Steve,

Transplant man to represent Team GB



Nathan Black with his bronze medal

A MAN who was on kidney dialysis for four years is set to represent Team GB after winning a bronze at the Transrepresent ream GB after withing a bronze at the Fransplant Games. Nathan Black, from Brownhills, who was diagnosed with renal failure in March 2013, won bronze at the shot put event at the British Transplant Games in Birmingham this month and will now represent Team GB at the World Transplant Games in 2019.

Mr Black, who had a transplant last year, said: "I set

Mr Black, who had a transplant last year, said: "I set myself a personal goal of running a 5K within a year, which is a lap around Chasewater, before the anniversary. "It coincided with the British Transplant Games in Birmingham and that became my goal."

Mr Black first contracted a kidney illness in 2005 and described it as a 'gradual process' which led to kidney failure in 2013. The 49-year-old was put on dialysis at Queen Elizabeth Heavitel in Einsingham while he waited for a match abeth Hospital in Birmingham while he waited for a match He said: "I was finding it hard, but I'm fortunate and now I'm part of the GB team."

66, live in the house where the incident happened the morning of August 5. They have lived in Lilac

Avenue for 38 years.

Mrs Morris said: "From the sound of how fast they were going, I thought they were going to die. "I shot out of bed and saw

they had gone through our wall and I was shocked. "Quite often people come skidding down this road and I really think something should be done about it."

Safety

Dangerous drivers have crashed into the wall before. along with her neighbour's garden fence twice. Christine Wholton, 72, has lived next door since 1974 and started the petition. She said: "Drivers have

ploughed through my fence before and I was in the house at the time."

Ward councillor John Kraujalis said he has also written to the county council about the issue.

Cabinet member for high-ways Helen Fisher said: 'Road safety is really important to the county council and we target available re-sources at schemes that will help to make areas safer.

Garage to reopen

NEW life will be breathed into the former Fingerpost Service Station in Wolver-hampton Road, Pelsall. It closed eight years ago and has been a hand car wash since then. Plans to return it to its former use were ap proved by Walsall Council.

COMMUNITY groups are being urged to apply for grants up to £1,000.

The submission process for the South Staffordshire Community Innovation Fund is now open.

Applicants have until 5pm on September 28 to submit a

completed application.
Email Policyadmin@ sstaffs.gov.uk for an application form.

Grants offer Former players role to groups for Wolves legend

MOLINEUX goalscoring great John Richards has been named the new vice-chairman of the Wolves Former Players' Association (WFPA). Richards said he is honoured to have joined the 30-year-old association.

He said: "Wolves is such a special club, and it is no coincidence that so many of us who spent many years sharing a dressing room stayed in the local area after finishing our careers and continue to regularly meet up."

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Richards went on to be managing director at Wolves and also served as head of leisure services at Cannock Chase Council after hanging up his boots in 1985. The WFPA committee includes Wolves heroes Steve Daley, John McAlle, Phil Parkes, Geoff Palmer and Matt Murray.



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FANS of real ale, wine, pork pies and live music will be in for a treat at an upcoming festival.

This year's Autumn Beer Festival, which is run by Lichfield Arts in Lichfield Guildhall, is a popular and well-known event in the beer festival calendar.

Running on September 14 and 15, tickets cost £2 before 6pm and £3 afterwards.

There will be a full choice of more than 30

real ales and ciders from local and regional breweries. There will also be live music on

both nights. A Lichfield Arts spokesperson said: "Our Autumn Beer Festival has become something of a fixture in the beer calendar.

"Our wide range of beers and drinks, food, live music and the glorious surroundings of the Guildhall will make this a very popular event. If you are bringing a party we would advise you to book your seats in advance.

For details and to book, visit www lichfieldarts.org.uk or phone 01543 262223.

Hospital fails as 'headache' woman dies

A 35-YEAR-OLD woman died after failings at a hospital where she was treated for a headache. The University Hospital of the North Midlands NHS Trust, which runs Stafford's County Hospital, launched an internal investigation following her death.

She was admitted to the emergency department with a headache before being discharged and told to return the next day. On her return, she had a CT brain scan and lumbar puncture, also known as a spinal tap where a needle is inserted

into the spinal canal for diagnostic testing, but the results from the latter were not followed up. She was seen by a low-level foundation doctor who discovered symptoms of neurological problems but the following days he dot: has plenty of action



The performance will have costumes indicative of the time

A 'FAST and furious' comedy adaptation of The Three Musketeers is coming to Beacon Park in Lichfield on Fri-

Adults and the sound of the state of the sta

ing choreographed by a professional stage combat choreographer, but will be 'self-aware and relevant for an audience in 2018'. Ian Kennedy Productions (IKP), who have had recent successes with Three Men in a Boat, Alice in Wonderland and The Wind in the Wildows, are bringing their unique brand to another classic novel in this adaptation.

A spokesman for IKP said they aim to create innovative compact shows which reluce the control of the

tive, compact shows which rely upon storytelling, imagina-tion and ingenuity which can be performed anywhere and everywhere. The Lichfield performance starts at 6.30pm.

the following day she deteriorated further and died of cranial thrombosis.

The investigation re-

vealed there was not a sen-ior emergency consultant on duty when she initially

arrived at the hospital.
It found that her deterioration was not acted upon and that there was no evidence to suggest that the missing lumbar puncture result was chased up.

Care

The trust said an 'unre served apology' had been made to all those affected.

Dr John Oxtoby, medical director, said: "The trust fully investigates all aspects of care where it is poten-tially below the standard that we would expect to provide. These investigations identify where systems and processes need to improve. "We then implement all

actions that are identified to ensure we learn lessons and progressively improve the standard of care we provide in the future."

The trust has now set out

a series of actions to prevent similar incidents.

Music at fun day

A FAMILY fun day will be held at Bridgtown Social Club in Cannock on Sunday. The event is on from 2pm to 7pm at the Walsall Road venue. Organisers promise venue. Organisers promise hot food, a bouncy castle live music from the

A WOMEN'S group are meeting next month for a talk on guide dogs.

Berkswich Women's Insti-tute are meeting on September 5 when Alison Banham will give the talk at Walton Village Hall and there will be a competition for a dog ornament

It will begin at 7.15pm. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Talk about Concert tribute to guide dogs founder of choir

A CONCERT is to be held as a tribute to the founder conductor of St Stephen's Choir, Alan Williams, who died 10 years ago. Alan was a well known and well respected musician in the Cannock area, and conducted Kingsmead Arts Society, Staffordshire Youth Choir, and Cannock Operatic Society as well as the church choir. The concert is on October 6 at 7.30pm at St Stephen's

Church in Bideford Way, Cannock. Singers who were previously in any of the groups are being invited to join the choir for the occasion. Rehearsals will begin on Friday, August 31 at 7.30pm at 5t Stephen's Church.

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A 31-year-old man was arrested after

A 31-year-old man was arrested after the incident, which started on the A449 between Penkridge and Stafford. Officers swooped on a grey Volkswa-gen Golf but it failed to stop, and a short pursuit towards Stafford took place before the car was abandoned in Oxbarn Road. They ran after the suspected drug dealer and he was arrested soon after. He has been questioned in custody

after being arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the supply of Class A and B drugs, dangerous driving, failing to stop, driving while disqualified and driving without insurance. The incident unfolded from 1pm on Friday.

The arrested man was also found to

The arrested man was also found to be under the influence of drugs after a positive drug swipe.

Det Sgt Jon Bradbury of Staffordshire Police said: "Great work from all the teams involved has seen drugs taken off the street and another step forward in the fight against organised crime."

Prugs and cash discovered after police pursuit Landmark's hidden foundations uncovered thanks to heatwave

16th Century Tixall Hall have been uncovered thanks to the heatwave.

This summer's hot weather has revealed new secrets of England's buried history to archaeologists surveying the countryside from the air.

Historic England says evidence of

Iron Age settlements, square burial mounds and a Roman farm has been spotted for the first time in patterns

in crops and grass.

And now details can be seen of the lost Elizabethan buildings and gardens associated with Tixall Hall.

TheGrade I listed gatehouse built in 1557 still stands, but lighter lines can now be seen in the ground which indicate the position of the buried foundations of Tixall Hall, which was built in 1555. Among other discover-



Buried history - the foundations at Tixall Hall are visible thanks to the heatwave

ies are the foundations of a new hall begun during the First World War but demolished in 1926.

Duncan Wilson, chief executive of

Historic England, said: "This spell

of very hot weather has provided the perfect conditions for our aerial ar-chaeologists to 'see beneath the soil' as cropmarks are much better defined when the soil has less moisture. The

whole areas at once rather than just one or two fields and it has been fascinating to see so many traces of our

past graphically revealed."

The dry summer has been particularly good for experts examining the larly good for experts examining the landscape from the air as 'cropmarks' form faster and are more obvious when the soil is very dry.

These differences in colour or height of crops and grass can reveal the layouts of buried ditches or walls

which once marked out settlements. field boundaries or funerary monu-

Historic England uses aerial photography to produce archaeological maps which help to assess the significance of buried remains and can be used to make decisions about protecting them from development or damage caused by ploughing.

Oliver to charm audiences at Grand panto

WEST End star Oliver Ormson will play the Prince in this year's panto-mime, Sleeping Beauty, at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre.

ton's Grand Theatre.
He will join the likes of Debbie
McGee, Richard Cadell and
Sooty, Ian Adams and Doreen Tipton as part of the
production, which comes to the theatre this December

Musical theatre actor Oliver was most recently seen at the Grand playing Lucas Beineke in The Add-

ams Family show last year.
In the West End, Oliver understud ied and played the part of Elder Price in The Book Of Mormon at the Prince Of Wales Theatre. His other credits include Link Larkin in Hairspray and Bernardo in West Side Story with the BBC Sym-phony Orchestra. Previous pantomime credits include Prince Charming in Cin-

derella at Lichfield Garrick Theatre. Grand Theatre chief executive Adrian Jackson said: "It's a pleasure to have Oliver join our pantomime cast."



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Now Wolverhampton-born Mike Kendrick's contribution to the industry has been recognised with

dustry has been recognised with his induction into the Living Legends of Aviation organisation.

He joins the likes of Apollo 11 astronaut Buzz Aldrin and film star pilot John Travolta. The 97-strong roll of honour includes entrepreneurs, innovators, industry leaders, astronauts, record breakers, pilots who have become celebrities, and celebrities who have become pilots. The group includes Harrison Ford and Tom Cruise.

Change

The 72-year-old, who was brought up on a council estate in Bushbury, was nominated by Branson, a friend and former business partner, following a lifetime in the balloon and air-ship industry, which started in the early-1970s when he brought about a change in the law to allow advertising on aircraft

nership with Sir Richard to form the Virgin Airship and Balloon Company

in Telford.

The firm quickly grew to become the world's largest aerial advertising agency, operating more than 180 air-craft in some 30 countries, with clients such as Goodyear and Budweiser.

The Wolverhampton Airport owner also introduced balloons and airships



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Mike with Per Lindstrand



Mike Kendrick is inducted into Living Legends by Tom Enders Pic: @Mirja_Geh

to many places that had never seen them before, including the first pas-senger flights over the Valley of the Kings in Egypt.

Based in Bridgnorth, he is now

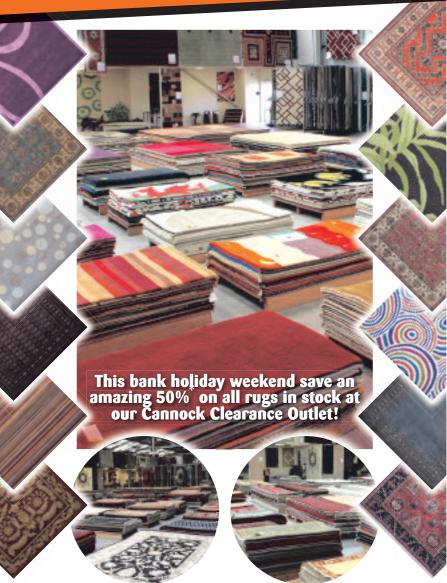
spearheading work with his company, Straightline Aviation, on the introduction of a revolutionary heavy-lift hybrid airship designed to transport cargo and passengers to remote parts of the world and engineered to use less

fuel, emit less carbon dioxide and eliminate the need for costly ground-level infrastructure.

The company has attracted interest from the oil, gas and mining industries following its announcement that it would be buying 12 of the Lockheed Martin Hybrid Airships for £330 million. He also set up the Mineseeker Foundation, using airbuses to find and remove mines in Africa. remove mines in Africa



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ather field Cathedral has received a do-nation from a newly built care home in the city to put towards a peace woodland. The £500 donation by The Spires will help meet the cost of the living artwork ded-icated to local residents past and present. The cathedral has been working in partner-ist-in-residence Peter Walker.

Pledge on homelessness

COUNCIL bosses have pledged to make people sleeping rough 'a

thing of the past.'
Figures show that the number of homeless people in the Walsall borough has risen by two-thirds in the last five years, with levels of homeless youths increasing by 47 per

cent over the same period.

The move follows the Government's announcement to invest £100 million in tackling the matter, between now and 2027.

A Walsall Council spokesman said: "Current levels of homelessness in Walsall ex-

ceed national rates.

"A range of voluntary organisations are commissioned to offer support. However, their capacity to do so is limited by the funding made available to them."

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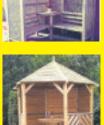
















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Lichfield Food Festival this weekend.
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cookery theatre on stowers frield until the final demonstration at 4pm. On Saturday, Val Stones and James Hillery with local chef Simon Smith will be giving demonstrations. The following day features Julia Chernogorova and Tom Hetherington with Ryan Shilton, formerly executive chef at Swinfen Hall. Monday brings the final two celebrity bakers – Edd Kimber and Steven Carter-Bailey.

Blake back at Garrick

AWARD-WINNING vocal trio Blake return to the Lichfield Garrick on Saturday, September 1 to cele-brate 10 years together.

The show features songs from their new 10th anniversary album including Elgar's 'Nimrod', The Beatles' 'Here There and Everywhere', 'Somewhere' from West Side Story and the classic 'Caruso'.

A limited number of The show features songs

A limited number of tickets are remaining and can be booked online at www.lichfieldgarrick.com

Open day at church marks projects are sent to council meeting room anniversary

CHASE Terrace Methodist Church opened its doors to local residents on Saturday as part of celebrations to mark the 15th anniversary of the opening of its community facilities.

Members and friends of the Princess Street church put on the event to show how the Milton Suite has played a vital role in helping to stage activities in the Burntwood area
Free drinks and cakes were on offer to all those

who have supported the church, and local people were invited to go along, enjoy the celebrations and see the facilities.

Funded

It is 15 years this month since the church cut the rib-bon on the Milton Suite, a meeting room and kitchen facility named in honour of a stalwart member of the church and local preacher Milton Spraggett.

Milton Spraggett.

The rebuild and refurbishment work on the building was funded through the Single Regeneration Budget for Burntwood Chase and grants from the county and district councils, the Coalfields Personantion Twelf fields Regeneration Trust, Staffordshire Environmen-tal Fund and the Methodist Church itself. Church stew-

ard Barbara Bevan said:
"Over the last 15 years,
many hundreds of people
have passed through our
doors and used our community facilities.

"We were delighted to celebrate this milestone with friends and neighbours and look forward to hosting many more people and com-munity groups in the years ahead."

Refreshments for the event were donated by church members.

And additional items were donated after the event to Cannock & District Food-

bank.

Any local group who are in need of a meeting room, with or without the use of full kitchen facilities, is asked to contact 01543



Church members who organised the anniversary celebrations, from left, Dennis Jackson, Brenda Jackson, Barbara Bevan, Ethel Cook, Pat Small, Di Evans and Sue Woodward

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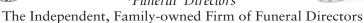
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AT YOUR LEISURE

Singer-songwriter George Ezra will be riding Shotgun into Birmingham's Genting

Musician George Ezra

Arena next year. Fans of the Hertfordshire-born 25-year-old will be in Paradise as he performs on March 17 as part of a 10date series of performances.

The announcement comes after Ezra, who topped the charts with Shotgun this summer - his

Boardmasters Festival in Newquay, and ahead of a sold-out UK tour that begins in November

Ezra followed up his debut album Wanted On Voyage – the third best-selling album of the year in the UK in 2014 – with this year's offering Staying At Tamara's, which is officially the biggest-selling album so far this year. It remains in the top five of the Official Albums Chart 20 weeks after

Forest Live concerts on Cannock Chase, one of three headline acts alongside Paul Heaton & Jacqui Abbott and Paloma Faith.

Ezra first rose to prominence four vears ago with the release of the hit single Budapest.

He is best known for other hit singles such as Blame it on Me, Listen to the Man, Barcelona, Cassie O and Don't Matter Now.

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No ordinary Joe! marks 30th anniversa

Joe Pasquale burst on to our television screens 30 years ago on ITV's New Faces - and doesn't seem to have been

away ever since.
A winner of I'm a Celebrity . . . Get
Me Out of Here, the squeaky-voiced comic is on his 30th anniversary tour A Few Of His Favourite Things; billed as 'a celebration of his best cack, plus some surprises on the way'.

A regular in recent years at the Grand Theatre's pantomime, he returns to the Lichfield Street venue on September 12, from 6.30pm, with tickets starting at £14.

The legendary comedian Kevin Hart has been pretty busy since the last time he ended up in Birmigham with his sell-out 'What Now' tour. His Lessons debuted at Number One on the New York Times Bestseller list, he voiced Captain Underpants in its first movie and appeared in the Jumanji reboot starring Jack Black and Dwavne Johnson.

He is back in the Midlands at Arena Birmingham on August 30, from 7pm, on 'The Kevin Hart Irresponsible

The voice of Love Island, comedian lain Stirling is also in Birmingham, appearing at the Rep on September 7, exploring dinner party etiquette, feminism and the pressures on a generation brought up in a world of instant gratification, while George Egg brings his DIY Chef show to the Old Rep on September 8 from



Joe Pasquale

Mysterious play Meek Live bands after racing to take centre stage

Penelope Skinner's mysterious new play, Meek, is being staged at Birmingham Repertory Theatre from September 4-8, following its première at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe this month.

Described as a haunting vision of ruthless state control. tense friendships and one woman's determination not to be broken, Meek is a tale which reflects on fraught times. In a society where private lives become political and

freedom of expression is not an option, Irene finds herself imprisoned but as tales of her incarceration spread she is forced to make a brutal decision.

Award-winning writer Skinner is recognised as one of

the UK's leading voices in contemporary theatre. She says: "On a small scale, it is a story about friendship, faith, shame and betrayal. On a wider scale, it is about the ways in which spirituality can be co-opted for political gain, and the impact of that on our personal freedoms. It is also a play about love.'

Directed by Amy Hodge, the cast includes Scarlett Brookes, Shvorne Marks and Amanda Wright.

an odds-on winner

Ocean Colour Scene and Kaiser Chiefs will entertain punters at the end of a day's racing at Wolverhampton. The Dunstall Park course is putting on two nights of post-racing music, with Birmingham-based Ocean Colour Scene kicking proceedings on August 31. The band have produced five top 10 albums, including Moseley Shoals and the number one Marchin' Already in 1997. Top 40 hits include The Circle, The Day We Caught the Train and Riverboat Song

They take to the stage after a seven-race card from

The Brit award-winning Kaiser Chiefs, led by Ricky Wilson, follow the next night, which doubles as Ladies Day at the racetrack. The Leeds band's six studio albums including the Ivor Novello and NME award-winning Employment have spawned a string of hits, among them Predict A Riot, Oh My God, Never Miss A Beat and the number one Ruby.

After the jockeys have weighed in for the final time on the card at 5.10pm, Kaiser Chiefs take the stage at 6.10pm.



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Katie Derham

Proms Extra (BBC2, 6.50pm)

The programme moves into the Royal Albert Hall for one night as an expectant audience gathers to hear Bernstein's On the Town, Katie Derham and guests discuss Mozart's Clarinet Concerto, Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsodies and a world premiere by singer songwriter Laura Mvula. David Owen Norris offers another Chord of the Week and there is a performance by

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Nadiya's Family Favourites. (R) 12.00 Football Focus. 1.00 BBC Wews; Weather. 1.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 2.00 Live Challenge Gup Rugby League. Catalans Dragons v Warrington Wolves (Kick-off 3.00pm). 5.30 Film: Shrek Forever After. (2010)

6.55 BBC News. 7.05 Regional Programme.

7.15 Impossible Celebrities. Dick and Dom are among the 18 celebrities playing for charity in the quiz. Rick Edwards hosts.

8 05 Pointless Celebrities Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman challenge more famous faces to take part in the unorthodox guiz take part in the unorthodox quiz show. This time, all the contestants are veterans of various TV talent shows or reality contests. MasterChef 2015 winner Simon Wood teams up with his 2016 successor Jane Devonshire, while Lee McQueen, who won the fourth series of The Apprentice, joins forces with Yasmina Siadatan. the ambitious businesswoman who followed him in 2009. Plus, X Factor 2013 champion Sam Bailey throws her lot in with Pop Idol series two star Michelle McManus, and Britain's GoT Talent-winning street dancer George Sampson bands together with singer and one-time Celebrity Big Brother star Jermaine Jackson. (R) show. This time, all the

ony brother star centraline
Jackson. (R)

Casualty. Wanting to keep busy,
Alicia arrives back at work in the
ED earlier than expected, and
Connie gives her the job of
medical lead for the day. OAPs
Joseph and Reggie decide to
sneak out of their care home and
make their way to a diner looking
forward to a full English breakfast,
but just as they arrive, Reggie
collapses and an ambulance is
called. Louise is ready to give
Dylan a piece of her mind about
bringing on a COC investigation.
until she learns that he is going to
clean out Sam's blocker later on.

Mrs Brown's Soys. Agnes turns to

9.40 Mrs Brown's Boys. Agnes turns to the internet to find a date for Valentine's Day. (R)
10.10 BBC News; Weather.; National

10.30 Match of the Day. 11.50 Film: Reasonable Doubt. (2014) 1.10 Weather for the Week Ahead. 1.15 BBC News.

BBC2

6.40 Top Class. (R) 7.10 Marrying Mum and Dad. (R) 7.40 Officially Amazing Goes Bunkers. (R) 8.10 The Dengineers. (R) 8.35 Deadly Dinosaurs with Steve Backshall. (R) 9.05 David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities. (R) 9.30 Nature's Miracle Babies. (R) 10.30 Killer Whales: Beneath the Surface – Natural World. (R) 11.15 Rugby League's Legendary Watersplash Final. (R) 12.00 Migel State: Eating Together. (R) 12.30 Great British Menu. (R) 1.30 Gorden Rescue. (R) 2.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 3.00 Scrappers. (R) 3.30 Score. 5.15 Flog It! (R) 5.50 A Passage to Britain. (R) 6.50 Proms Extra. The programme moves into the Royal Albert Hall for one night as an expectant audience gathers to hear Bernstein's On the Town.

Bernstein's On the Town.
Presented by Katie Derham.

7.30 Dad's Army. The platoon plans to re-enact the battle between St George and the dragon as part of the Wings for Victory fundraising effort – unaware the ARP wardens have the same idea. (R)

8.00 Blitz: The Bombs That Changed Britain. The deadly impact of an incendiary bomb that set fire to St Peter's Church in the historic heart of Bristol on the night of Sunday November 24, 1940. Last in the

series. (R)

9.00 QI XL. Sandi Toksvig invites Jason Manford, Sara Pascoe, Jeremy Clarkson and Alan Davies to answer questions on the subject of 'noble rot' in an extended edition of the panel show. (R)

9.50 Anita & Me – and Me. Meera Syal journeys back to Essington in the Black Country, the mining village where she grew up, describing how her childhood inspired her coming-of-age novel Anita and Me. The film Anita & Me follows.

9.55 Film: Anita & Me. (2002) Two girls from different ethnic giris from different ethnic backgrounds strike up an unlikely friendship during the 1970s. Comedy drama based on Meera Syal's novel, starring Chandeep Uppal and Anna Brewster. Uppal and Anna Brewster.

11.25 Film: Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara

(2011) A groom-to-be takes his two friends on a road trip to Spain, participating in extreme sports along the way. Comedy, starring Abhay Deol, Hrithik Roshan and Farhan Akhtar.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Sooty, 6.10 Make It Pop. (R)
6.35 Dino Dana. (R) 6.50 Om Nom
Stories. 6.55 The Oddhods Show. (R)
7.05 NinjaGo: Decoded. (R) 7.30 ToomMary.
(R) 7.40 ToomMary. (R) 7.55 Drop Dead
Weird. 8.25 ITV News. 8. 30 Zoe Ball on
Saturday. 9.25 James Martin's Saturday
Morning. (R) 11.20 James Martin's Aumerican Adventure. (R) 11.50 E10K
Holiday Home. (R) 12.20 Love Your
Garden. (R) 1.20 ITV News. Weather.
1.30 ITV Racing Live: York Ebor Festival.
The fourth and final day of the festival.
4.00 The Chase. (R) 5.00 WOS

Wrestling.
6.00 ITV News; Weather.

 Co. 11 Regional Programme; Weather.
 G.30 Japandemonium. A final helping of the strangest Japanese TV, showcasing some of the maddest and funniest moments ever broadcast. This edition features the game of Candy or not Candy – where contestants bite objects to find out – chopsticks bungee jumping, and extreme pans being dropped on the head. Narrated by Melvin Odoom. Last in the series.

7.00 Big Star's Little Star. Stephen
Mulhern hosts the entertainment
show in which children spill the show in which children spill the beans about famous relatives James Cracknell, Karen Blick and Vernie Bennett, talking about their home lives, making heart-warming revelations or telling downright embarrassing stories. The contestants are all hoping to win as much money as possible for their chosen charities.

8.00 Film: The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King. (2003) As hobbits Frodo and Sam near the end of their journey into the dark end of their journey into the dark lands of Mordor to destroy the One Ring, the evil Sauron unleashes the full might of his armies on Middle-earth. Meanwhile, Aragorn must fulfil his destiny of becoming king by leading his people into a climactic battle with the forces of darkness. Conclusion of the fantasy adventure trilogy, starring Elijah Wood, Viggo Mortensen, Ian McKellen and Sean Astin. 5TIV News: Weather.

11.45 ITV News; Weather 12.05 WOS Wrestling. (R) 1.00 Jackpot247. Interactive gaming. 3.00 Eternal Glory. (R) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen. Text-based information service.

CHANNEL 4

6.15 Triathlon: Long Course Weekend.
7.10 Mobil 1: The Grid. 7.35 Frasier. (R)
8.00 Frasier. (R) 8.30 Frasier. (R) 9.00
The Big Bang Theory. (R) 9.30 The Big
Bang Theory. (R) 9.55 The Simpsons.
(R) 10.25 The Simpsons. (R) 10.55
Formula 1 Belgian Grand Prix Practice 3
Live. Coverage of the third practice
session at Circuit de SpaFrancorchamps. 12.25 F1 Meets Nigel
Mansell. (R) 12.55 Formula 1 Belgian
Grand Prix Qualifying Live. Coverage of
the qualifying session at Circuit de SpaFrancorchamps (Start-time 2.00pm).
3.45 Car SOS. (R) 4.45 A Place in the
Sun: Winter Sun. (R) 5.15 The People's
Vet.

6.10 Escape to the Chateau: DIY. As Jonathan and Michael prepare their chateau for the big wedding, they have a sewage problem that threatens to take the whole first floor out of action. (R)

7.05 Channel 4 News.

Channel 4 News.
Film: Captain America: The First
Avenger. (2011) A puny but brave
volunteer is rejected for military
service during the Second World
War. He becomes the test subject for an experiment that transforms him into the ultimate soldier, and battles against a secret Nazi society plotting to harness the powers of a mystical artefact. Superhero adventure, with Chris Evans, Hugo Weaving, Hayley Atwell and Tommy Lee Jones. 10.00 Film: Pain & Gain. (2013) Premiere Three horthuilders

10.00 Film: Pain & Gain. (2013)
Premiere. Three bodybuilders
make a disastrous attempt to
kidnap a businessman and get him
to sign over his fortune. Factbased action cornedy, with Mark
Wählberg and Dwayne Johnson.
12.30 Film: Regression. (2015) A
detective finds evidence of a satanic cult
when investigating a case in which a man
admits to sexually abusing his teenage
daughter. Thriller, starring Ethan Hawke.
2.20 Hollyoaks. Omnibus. Simone
arrives at Price Silce to find it has been
broken into, Darren and Mandy's affair
continues as they end up kissing, and
Dennis and Liberty decide Milo should
leave. (R) 4.30 Village of the Year with
Penelope keith. On the Devon coast, Penelope learns about Beer's historic fishing fleet, while Alex Langlands goes native in the Welsh village of Llanllyfni. (R) 5.25 The Posh Frock Shop. A former simp bellering penels and deep for a VIP. prima ballerina seeks a dress for a VIP event. (R) **5.50** Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free. Kirstie Allsopp creates a kitchen-diner makeover. (R)

CHANNEL 5

SATURDAY'S TV AUGUST 25

6.00 Milkshake! 9.50 Peppa Pig. (R) 9.55 Peppa Pig. (R) 10.00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) 10.30 Access. 10.40 Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud 4. (R) 11.05 Police Interceptors. (R) 1.10 Police Interceptors. (R) 2.10 Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords. (R) 3.10 Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords. (R) 4.10 Rich House, Poor House. (R) 5.10 S News Weekend. 5.15 Can't Pay' We'll Take It Away! (R) 6.10 Can't Pay' We'll Take It Away! (R) 6.10 Can't Pay' We'll Take It Away! (R)

6.10 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away! In South East London, officers Gary and Cona chase a debt of nearly £50,000 in unpaid rent, leading to £50,000 in unpaid rent, leading to a feisty confrontation with the debtor. Elsewhere, agents Gary and Paul try to recover over £2,000 owed by a teenager to a local garage in Kent, and officers Max and Paul head to South West London on the trail of a film producer who owes £8,000 to financial advisers. (R)

7.05 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away!
Mike Allonby and Terry Jones
repossess debtors' cars in
Cheshire and Liverpool, while Paul
Bohill and Steve Pinner evict a couple with young children a few days before Christmas. (R)

8.00 Before They Were Stars. A trek back through the TV archive to uncover embarrassing early brushes with fame endured by some of today's biggest stars Among those skewered are pop stars, rock legends, silver-screen icons, celebrated comedians and

Gino's Win Your Wish List. Gino D'Acampo hosts the game show in which a family of five contestants choose their dream prizes, then in

choose their dream prizes, then in pairs answer questions to try to lank the items on their wish list. In the final round, two players try to secure all the prizes they have won so far – as well as a family holiday.

10.00 Celebrity Big Brother. Highlights of the housemates' past 24 hours under the all-seeling eye of Big Brother, as they try to get used to living alongside one another. Iliving alongside one another.

11.05 Best of Bad TV: Live & Dangerous. A collection of the biggest 17 howlers caught on film, including a fire on the Blue Peter set, famous folk who think they can sing, wardrobe malfunctions and disastrous award shows. (R)

12.00 SuperGasino. 3.10 The Last Hours

12.00 SuperCasino. 3.10 The Last Hours of Jimi Hendrix. (R)

DOL POUR 7.00 Elsa the Lioness 7.30 BBC Proms 2018 9.50 West Side Stories – The Making of a Classic 10.50 Leonard Bernstein at the BBC 11.50 Top of the Pops: 1986 12.20 Heavy Metal Britannia 1.50 Goth at the BBC 2.50 West Side Stories – The Making of a Classic 3.50 Close

ITV2

12. 00 Catchphrase 12. 40 You've Been Framed Gold 1. 40 Film: The Flintstones (1994) 2.50 FY! Daily 2.55 Film: The Flintstones (1994) 3.30 Film: Spy Kids (2001) 4.30 FY! Daily 4.35 Film: Spy Kids 2001) 4.30 FY! Daily 4.35 Film: Spy Kids 2001) 5.25 Film: Star Wars: Episode V— The Empire Strikes Back (1980) 6.25 FY! Daily 6.30 Film: Star Wars: Episode V— The Empire Strikes Back (1980) 8.00 Film: The Mask (1994) 9.00 FY! Daily 9.05 Film: The Mask (1994) 1.05 Family Guy 11.05 American Dad! 11.55 The Cleveland Show 12.55 Film: Heroles (2014) 1.55 FY! Daily Palm: Hercules (2014) 1.55 FYI Daily 2.00 Film: Hercules (2014) 2.45 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records 2.55 Teleshopping 5.55 ITV2 Nightscreen

3.05 Film: Carry On Cruising (1962) 4.55 A Touch of Frost 7.00 Midsomer Murders 9.00 Endeavour 11.00 Vera 1.00 On the Buses 2.00 ITV3 Nightscreen 2.30 Teleshopping

2.05 Storage Wars 3.05 Film: Cahill, US 2.05 Storage Wars 3.05 Film: Cahill, US Marshal (1973) 4.05 FYI Daily 4.10 Film: Cahill, US Marshal (1973) 5.10 Film: The Sting (1973) 6.10 Film: The Sting (1973) 7.45 Film: Cannonball Run II (1984) 8.45 FYI Daily 8.50 Film: Cannonball Run II (1984) 8.45 FYI Daily 8.50 Film: Cannonball Run II (1984) 10.00 Cycling: Vuelta a Espana 11.00 Film: Jaws (1975) 12.05 FYI Daily 12.10 Film: Jaws (1975) 1.30 Better Late Than Never 2.30 World Cup Rivalries: Brazil v Haly 2.45 TIV4 Nightscreen 3.00 Teleshopping

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11.00 Brooklyn Nine-Nine 12.00 Film:
Volcano (1997) 2.05 Rude(ish) Tube
Shorts 2.15 The Big Bang Theory 6.45
Film: Super 8 (2011) 9.00 Film:
Prometheus (2012) 11.25 Gogglebox
1.35 Tattoo Fixers 2.40 Rude Tube: Love
Bytes 3.35 Gogglebox 4.25 Rude(ish)
Tube 5.10 How I Met Your Mother
Film4

FIIM
11.00 Carry On Cabby (1963) 12.50
Robots (2005) 2.30 Might at the Museum (2006) 4.45 Cheaper By the Dozen 2 (2005) 6.40 About Time (2013) 9.00
Sicario (2015) 11.20 Bone Tomahawk (2015) 1.55 The Man with the Iron Fists (2012) 3.50 Close

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Bodyguard (BBC1, 9pm)

New series. A specialist protection officer is assigned to guard an ambitious home secretary who may be the target of a terror plot following her support of a controversial new surveillance bill. The bodyguard's experiences in the army have left him harbouring deep-seated resentments - which may make him a threat to the politician he is supposed to protect. Thriller, with Richard Madden, Keeley Hawes, Sophie Rundle, Pippa Haywood, Paul Ready, Nicholas Gleaves, Tom Brooke and Vincent Franklin.

6.00 Breakfast. 9.00 Match of the Day. (R) 10.25 Sunday Morning Live. 11.25 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) 1.200 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.15 Sill Open All Hours. (R) 1.45 Hold the Sunset. (R) 2.15 Money for Nothing. (R) 3.00 Escape to the Country. (R) 3.30 Songs of Praise. 4.05 Fake or Fortune? (R) 5.05 Eat Well for less? (R)

6.05 The Deer Stalker: Our Lives Documentary following a man who stalks red deer in the hills near Fort William as he passes on his skills to his 15-year-old son during one of Scotland's worst

6 35 BBC News

6.50 Regional Programme

7.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker and Margherita Taylor present the show from North Wales, show from North Wales, discovering how miniature antennas attached to bees have revealed new information about the insects' lives. Plus, Margherita joins dementia patients and their carres in a trip on the Blaenau Ffestiniog railway, Adam Henson investigates new developments in cattle farming, and loho Craue is icinade in the control of the control and John Craven is joined by judges Cerys Matthews and Simon King to announce the final 12 in this year's photographic

8.00 Fake or Fortune? Fiona Bruce and Philip Mould investigate a small watercolour sketch found in a hoard of artwork stolen by the Nazis, that could be the work of sculptor Henry Moore.

9.00 Bodyquard. New series. A specialist protection officer is assigned to guard an ambitious home secretary who may be the target of a terror plot. Thirller, with Keeley Hawes and Richard

10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 Match of the Day 2. Mark
Chapman reviews the day's
Premier League action,
introducing highlights of Watford
v Crystal Palace and Newcastle
United v Chelsea.

11.30 Supermarket Shopping Secrets
A look at how the retailers
compete in the market for
healthier foods. (R)

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12.30 Weather for the Week Ahead. 12.35 BBC News.

6.30 Around the World in 80 Gardens. (R) 7.30 Gardeners' World. (R) 8.30 Countryfile Live. (R) 9.30 The Beechgrove Garden. (R) 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 11.30 Great British Menu. (R) 12.00 Great British Menu. (R) 12.00 Great British Menu. (R) 14.00 Great British Menu. (R) 14.00 Great British Menu. (R) 14.00 Great British Menu. (R) 15.00 Great British Menu

6.10 Film: Raiders of the Lost Ark. Film: Raiders of the Lost Ark. (1981) Interpol archaeologist Indiana Jones goes in search of the legendary Ark of the Covenant, a biblical artefact of devastating power. His quest leads him to Egypt, where the Nazis are plotting to use the Ark to further Hitler's plans for world domination – aided by Jones's deceitful French rival. Steven Spielberg's action adventure, with Harrison Ford, Karen Allen, Paul Freeman and John Rhys-Davies. John Rhys-Davies.

8.00 Dragons' Den. The panel of entrepreneurs assess the profit-making potential of a range of fishing bait, a pasta home delivery service, and a scheme to make money out of rubbish. With Evan

9.00 Eight Go Rallving: The Road to Saigon. The teams head for the Cambodian border, despite serious problems with two of the cars, and head for Angkor Wat, the mysterious centrepiece of the ancient Khmer empire.

10.00 Romesh Ranganathan: Irrational

10.00 Romesh Ranganathan: Irrational Live. The comedian's first-ever live stand-up show, in which the Bafta-norninated star takes shots at everyone from his children to a stranger in a coffee shop. (R)

11.00 Man Like Mobeen. Eight learns that his father is dying. When Mobeen agrees to visit him one last time, he is unprepared for the terrible secret he learns and the favour the old man has to ask. (R)

11.20 Man Like Mobeen. An anti-Islam march comes through the neighbourhood, and Mobeen man up sharing a police van with the leader when he takes the blame for Aks' counter-protest. Last in the series. (R)

11.45 Pump Up the Bhangra: The Sound

11.45 Pump Up the Bhangra: The Sound of Asian Britain. (R)

12.45 Sign Zone: Countryfile Live. (R) 1.40 Holby City. (R) 2.40 This Is BBC

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Stories. 6.55 The Oddbods Show. (R)
7.05 NinjaGo: Decoded. (R) 7.30 ToomMarty.
(R) 7.40 ToomMarty. (R) 7.55 Drop Dead
Weird. 8.25 ITV News. 8.30 Zoe Ball on
Sunday. 9.25 Japandemonium. (R) 9.55
Cannonball. (R) 10.55 Ninja Warrior UK.
(R) 12.00 WOS Wrestling. (R) 1.00 ITV
News; Weather. 1.15 Big Star's Little
Star. (R) 2.15 Cathophrase. (R) 3.00
Tenable. (R) 4.00 Tippling Point: Lucky
Stars. (R) 5.00 The Chase. (R)
6.00 ITV News; Weather.

6 00 ITV News: Weather

6.15 Regional Programme; Weather 6.30 Paul O'Grady's Little Heroes. Paul meets 11-year-old Fazeel, who was born with a genetic condition that causes his skin to bilister at the slightest touch. Elsewhere, Paul also meets I operation of the lower of the slightest touch. Elsewhere, Paul also meets I operation of the slightest of the slightest of the slightest of the slightest operation operation of the slightest operation opera

The Chase: The Bloopers. Bradley Walsh presents a compilation of outtakes and laughs from the quiz show, featuring regular chasers the Governess, the Beast, the Vixen, the Sinnerman and the Dark Destroyer. (R)

8.00 Film: Jurassic World. (2015) Jurassic Park is now a fully operational attraction filled with genetically engineered dinosaurs. In need of a new attraction, the company behind the park creates an entirely new species – but it quickly escapes to terrorise the tourists. Action adventure sequel, betraine Cheis Partiand Evice Partiand Evi starring Chris Pratt and Bryce Dallas Howard.

10.35 Larry Grayson: Shut That Door! Documentary exploring the entertainer's rise from poverty to fame, drawing on extracts from an unfinished autobiography that has only recently been discovered. (R)

oiscovered. (R)
12. 20 Jackpot247. Interactive gaming.
3.00 Motorsport UK. Highlights from
Snetterton. (R) 3.50 British Superbike
Championship Highlights. Greg Haines
presents action from round eight at
Cadwell Park. (R) 4.40 ITV Nightscreen.
5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show. Guests air
their differences. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.05 Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free.
(R) 6.10 Motorsport: Volkswagen
Racing Cup32. 6.35 Motorsport: British
Rally Championship 7.05 Everybody
Loves Raymond. (R) 7.30 Everybody
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6.30 Channel 4 News. 7.00 Flying Across Britain with Arthur Williams. Arthur's final journey takes him across the east coast, visiting a series of arrifelds that played a vital role in the Second World War. He gets a look at the US Air Force's F15 lighter, visits the world's oldest and grandest air academy and gets the chance to take a flight with the only aerobatic team in existence that is licensed to take passengers. Last in the series. Hidden Britain by Drone. Tony Robinson sends camera drones to shoot more aerial lootage of areas of Britain that are off limits to the public, including a nuclear decommissioning site that is still in active use and has appropriately tight security. Plus, cameras calcing lootage of bats up close and reveal visiting a series of airfields that

footage of bats up close and revea the truth behind crop circles. Last n the series.

9.00 Film: World War Z. (2013) Premiere. A virus sweeps acros the globe, turning everyone infected into mindless, ravening zombies. As entire countries fall into chaos, a United Nations investigator sets off on a journey around the world to discover the cause of the pandemic and hopefully find a cure before human civilisation is brought to an end. Thriller based on the novel by Max Brooks, starring Brad Pitt.

Brooks, Starring braut rit.

11.15 Film: 47 Ronin. (2013) A former slave leads a band of samural as they battle monstrous and magical enemies in a quest for redemption. Fantasy adventure, with Keanu Reeves and Hiroyuki Sanada.

1.30 The Crystal Maze. (R) 2.25 Mobil 1 The Grid. (R) 2.50 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. (R) 3.45 French Collection. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshakel: Little Princess. 6.10 Wissper (R) 6.20 Poppy Cat. (R) 6.30 Milkshakel Monkey (R) 6.35 The Secret Life of Puppies. (R) 6.40 Seaside Antics (R) 6.45 Up the Little White Van. (R) 6.50 Simon. (R) 7.00 Peppa Pig. (R) 7.05 Paw Patrol. (R) 7.15 Thomas & Friends: Thrills and Spills. (R) 7.30 Firman Sam. (R) 7.45 Rusty Rivets. 8.00 Paw Patrol. (R) 3.15 Pirata & Capitano. 8.30 Mondry Toward Detectives. 8.00 Paw Patrol. (R) 8.15 Pirata & Capitano. 8.30 Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) 8.50 Floogals. (R) 9.00 Ben and Holly Stitle Kingdom. (R) 9.15 Shimmer and Shine. (R) 9.30 Digby Dragon. (R) 9.50 Peppa Pig. (R) 9.55 Peppa Pig. (R) 10.00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) 10.35 Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud. (R) 10.55 Police Interceptors. (R) 11.45 Police Interceptors. (R) 11.45 Police Interceptors. (R) 12.40 Police Interceptors. (R) 1.40 Film: The Prince of Egypt. (1998) Animated Biblical musical, with the voice of Val Kilmer. 2.40 Access. 2.45 Film: The Prince of 2.40 Access. 2.40 Film: The Prince of Egypt. (1988) Concluded. 3.50 Film: Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End. (2007) Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Johnny Depp. 4.50 5 News Update. 4.55 Film: Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End. (2007) Concluded.

Concluded.

7.00 Worst Celebrity Pop Songs Ever.
A countdown of the 40 most
memorable musical efforts by
celebrities who have decided to
diversify into music. The
programme features
performances by Mr T, Katie Price,
Vinnie Jones, Sam Fox, Eddie "The
Eagle" Edwards, David Hasselhoff,
an assortment of sona stars and an assortment of soap stars and Christopher Lee, who embarked on a second career as a heavy-metal singer in his '80s. (R)

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Celebrity Big Brother. The ups and downs of life in the BB house as friendships and alliances are made, battle lines are drawn and

arguments erupt.

10.00 Film: The Bodyguard. (1992) A former secret service agent acts as a bodyguard for a famous singer who is being persecuted by an obsessed fan. Romantic thriller, starring Kevin Costner and Whitney Houston.

11 NN Access

11.05 Film: The Bodyguard. (1992)

12.35 Film: Whitney Houston: A Tragic Love. (2015) 2.10 SuperCasino. 3.10 Frozen: Cryonics. (R) 4.00 My Mum's Hotter Than Me! (R)

7.00 Simon Rattle: The Making of a Maestro 8.00 BBC Proms 2018 10.00 Arena 11.00 Chuck Berry in Concert 12.00 Sings Stevie Wonder 1.00 Sex, Chips and Poetry: 50 Years of The Mersey Sound 2.00 The Secret Life of Landfill: A Rubbish History 3.30 Close

12.35 Ninja Warrior UK 1.35 You've Been Framed Gold 2. 40 Film: The Smurfs 2 (2013) 3. 40 Film: The Smurfs 2 (2013) 4. 45 Film: The Smurfs 2 (2013) 4. 45 Film: Star Wars: Episode VI – Return of the Jedi (1983) 5. 50 FYI Daily 5. 55 Film: Star Wars: Episode VI – Return of the Jedi (1983) 7. 30 Film: Rock of Ages (2012) 10.00 Family Guy 11. 25 American Dadl 12. 25 The Cleveland Show 12. 50 Ghosted 1. 20 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records: Bonkingly Big Hits 2. 10 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records 2. 20 Totally Bonkers Office Control 10 Policy Control 11 Policy Control 10 Policy ramed! Gold 2.40 Film: The Smurfs 2 Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

17V3 5.00 Lewis 7.00 Agatha Christie's Marple 9.00 Midsomer Murders 11.00 Wire in the Blood 12.35 Princess Diana: A Life After Death 1.35 A Touch of Frost 3.20 Road to Avonlea 5.05 Judge Judy 5.25 17V3 Nightscreen

11 00 Live British Touring Car 11.00 Live British Touring Car Championship. Round eight. 6.15 Barcelona's European Glory 6.30 Pawn Stars 7.00 Cycling' Welta a Espana 8.00 River Moneters 9.00 Film: The Specialist (1994) 10.05 FY Daily 10.10 Film: The Specialist (1994) 11.15 Film: Cannonball Run II (1984) 12.15 FYI Daily 12.20 Film: Cannonball Run II (1984) 1.30 Minder 2.30 Football's Greatest: Johan Cruyff 2.45 ITVA Nightscreen 3.00 Teleshopping

12.15 Rude(ish) Tube Shorts 12.30 The 12.15 KUQE(ISF) JUDE SONOTS 12.30 I Ne Goldbergs 2.00 Young Sheldon 3.00 The Big Bang Theory 6.35 Film: The Day After Tomorrow (2004) 9.00 Krypton 10.00 Fear the Walking Dead 11.00 Gogglebox 12.10 The Big Bang Theory 1.05 Krypton 2.05 Fear the Walking Dead 3.00 Rude Tube 3.25 Hollyoaks

11.00 Shark Tale (2004) 12.55 Small Soldiers (1998) 3.15 Johnny English (2003) 5.10 Titanic (1997) 9.00 Fantastic Four (2015) Four scientists return from another dimension granted unusual powers, which they use to defend the Earth. Superhero adventure, starring Miles Teller. 10.55 Iron Man 2 (2010) 1.20 Yakuza Apocalypse (2015) 3.40 Close

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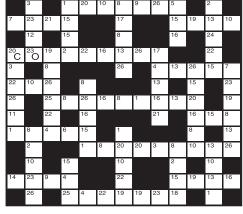
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
U	P	K	M	E	X	R	⁸ D	С	0	Z	J	Н
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

- 3. Medical containers
- houses (4-5) 8. Kind of stone for
- citrus fruit (4)
- They make rings round ships'

- 9. They make 'rings round ships' equipment (9)

 10. There's no part for the benefactor (6)

 11. See 23 Down

 14. Dress up for a start to the day, we hear (5)

 15. Collapse minor operation after the doctor is seen (4)

 16. Negotiate for something that gives particular pleasure (5)

 18. Bird put in the crate alone (4)

 20. Eastern potentate elected repeatedly (5)

 21. & 12Dn. Moralists at the neighbouring hostelry? (5,9)

 24. Shrubby plant needed before the Spanish produce a quantity of grain (6)

 25. Warships to check credentials in escort
 arrangement (9)

 26. See 24 Down
- arrangement (9) 26. See 24 Down 27. An assortment of roofs here on the edge of the sea (9)

Down

- 1. Help set an arrangement for trumpeters (9)

 2. Mix me a lotion
- likely to excite sensitivity (9)
- 4. Club used for
- evening out (4)

 5. Part of a flap elongated on a coat (5)
- 6. Used to being
- deposed? (6)

 7. Late afternoon function unfinished (4) 9. Nobleman to be of
- some
- importance (5) Missile associated with the sea (5)
- 12. See 21 Across 13. Weak, lacking
- prickles (9)

 17. A gust will disturb
- the river (5) 19. Art Gallery window (6)
- 22. Wait cheerfully to find a letter within (5) 23 & 11Ac. What to do
- after retiring (2.2.5)
- 24 & 26Ac. Carry weapons with sleeves rolled up, one hears (4,4)
- 3. Extempore (9) 8. Pool (4) 9. Begin (9) 2. Consultation (9) 4. Market (4)
- **10.** Excuse (6)
- 11. Guide (5)
- 14. Young eel (5) **15.** Daybreak (4)
- 16. Distant (5)

Quick Clues:

18. Afresh (4) **20.** Arouse (5)

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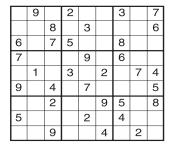
- 21. Ire (5) 24. Conquered (6)
- 25. Competitor (9)
- 26. Grass (4)
- 27. Dining-room (9)

- 1. Transient (9)

- 5. Correct (5)
- 6. Heeded (6)
- 7. Carry (4)
 9. Musical drama (5)
- 11. Laziness (5)
- 12. Storyteller (9)
- 13. Compensate (9) 17. Less (5)
- 19. Squirm (6)
- **22.** Dogma (5)
- 23. Prod (4) 24. Endure (4)

Sudoku

AT YOUR LEISURE



Fill in the grid above so that every column every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9



LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

- LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC Across: 1 Hymn; 3 Sergeant; 8 Gala; 9 Priority; 11 Air sea rescue; 13 Amazon; 14 Arrays; 17 Fit as a fiddle; 20 Ungainly; 21 Unit; 22 Detonate; 23 Hand. Down: 1 Hogmanay; 2 Malaria; 4 Errors; 5 Goods-train; 6 Adieu; 7 Toys; 10 Decoration; 12 Asserted; 15 Addenda; 16 Tablet; 18 Ingot; 19 Quid. OUICK Across: 1 So-so; 3 Manifest; 8 Role; 9 Converse: 11 Idiosyncrasy; 13 Hermit; 14 Danger; 17 Faithfulness; 20 Pedantic; 21 Stun; 22 Depleted; 23 Type. Down: 1 Straight; 2 Soldier; 4 Amount; 5 Invariable; 6 Earns; 7 Tier; 10 Assistance; 12 Presence; 15 Greatly; 16 Office; 18 Add up; 19 Sped.

Quiz

- Whose novel Madame Bovary was published in 1857?
- Which anaesthetic was discovered by Justus, Baron Von Liebig? In which country was the Great Trek of
- 1836-37 made? Of what is the Ivy League an eight-member
- group?
 Which shrub has common and hedge
- What do we call the mammal Oryctolagus cuniculus?
- Which composer's most famous piece is Carnival of the Animals? Who made up the Marx Brothers cinematic
- comedy team along with Groucho, Chico
- of which tree is the ironbark a species?
 Which best-selling British author and naturalist died in January 1995?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Val Kilmer: 2 The Balkan Peninsula:

3 Jeremy Bentham; 4 Vulture; 5 The Stars and Stripes; 6 French; 7 Gases; 8 Odin; 9 Harpers

and Queen: 10 Selhurst Park

Niner: MANSFIELD

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters

gives a South American animal, gives a Latin American animal, gives an African animal.

2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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Three-bedroomed detached house on popular estate

This beautifully presented stunning threebedroomed detached property in Newlands Lane, Heath Hayes, Cannock, lies on the ever-popular Heath Hayes estate.

It is for sale through Jayman Estate Agents at £269,950. The property itself is situated within close proximity of all local schools including Gorsemoor and Five Ways primary schools, all local amenities and transport links.

The property in brief comprises an entrance hall, a lounge, a conservatory and an open plan kitchen/diner. To the first floor, the home has a large master bedroom with a dressing area and en-suite, two further bedrooms and a family bathroom.

Outside the property features a detached garage, a front garden, off-road parking for two cars and a private well-maintained rear garden with a patio, plus decked and lawned areas.

In more detail, the lounge has a double glazed bow window to the front, gas feature fire and a double-glazed sliding door to the conservatory. The conservatory comes with double glazed windows to the rear and sides and a double-glazed double door to the side to the rear garden.

The dining area has a double glazed window to the front and laminate flooring. The kitchen area has fitted wall and base units, roll top working surfaces, a breakfast bar and laminate flooring. There is space for an oven, plumbing for a washing machine, a double-glazed bow window, a double glazed window to the rear, under stairs storage and a door to the rear garden.

Bedroom one has fitted wardrobes and a dressing area/en-suite with a shower. Bedrooms two and three have double glazed windows.

Outside, to the front, is a driveway and a goodsized front lawn. To the rear is a good-sized, well maintained private garden with a patio, slabbed and lawn areas. The garage has an up and over door.

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Detached property

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Simply superb penthouse comes with three bedrooms

PENN £335,000

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- BathroomCanal side setting

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- Family bathroom
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- Driveway and garage
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EPC RATING C £189,950 CANNOCK HATHERTON ROAD



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- Lounge, sitting room, kitchen/dine
- Utility room
- Dressing room/v
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Lounge, dining room

Good sized rear garder

Awaiting EPC rating

Two bedrooms

Central heating and double glazing



- Gas central heating and double glazing
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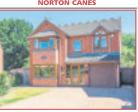
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Stafford Lane



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Redmond Close



aculately presented executive four bedroom detached house Exclusive sought after cul-de-sac location / Spacious reception rooms & bedrooms / Victorian style conservatory / Garage and

Woodfield Drive



Kingfisher Drive

nmaculately presented three bedroom detached bungalow / Set or arge secluded plot / Large private driveway for up to four vehicles 'Substantial landscaped rear & side gardens / Spacious living &

Pine Close

Shugborough Way



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Well presented four/five bedroom executive detached hous / Spacious lounge and separate dining room / Useful groun floor bedroom/sitting room / Good sized private rear garde

£280.000



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£260.000 Juniper Close



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Well presented three bedroom detached bungalow / NO ONWARE CHAIN / Driveway for up to three vehicles / Landscaped low ance rear garden / Modern fitted kitchen / Part converted atti

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ceptively spacious two bedroom detached bungalow / maculately presented throughout with tasteful decoration Modern fitted open plan kitchen-diner / Driveway with parking for u

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Refurbished three bedroom semi detached bungalow / Sp pen plan living area / Three double bedrooms / Modern fitted athroom with skylight / Parking & garage to the rea

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CHAIN / Refurbished property / Quiet end plot / Spacior open plan lounge-diner / Integral garage and driveway

£180,000 Chequers Court

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ed three bedroom end of terrace house / N Well presented three bedroom end of terrace house / I CHAIN / Parking to the rear plus a separate garage / Go sized lounge / Private rear garden / En-suite to the mas

£170.000 Priory Road



Immaculately presented and superbly maintained three bedroom semi-detached house / Desirable corner plot position at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac / Finished to an exceptional standard throughout

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Chapel Street



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Vell presented two bedroom semi-detached ouse / Good sized corner plot / Kitchen-diner / Driveway for several vehicles / Private rear garden



eceptively spacious traditional end terrace house / / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Good sized private rear garder



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Cannock Road



Three bedroom mid terraced / spacious open plan living area / private rear garden / ideal for first time buyers and investors



Fraditional three bedroom semi detached house / Good sized private rear garden / Spacious lounge and open pla

Highland Road



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Semi-detached two-bedroom property to be auctioned

ALBRIGHTON <<< £225,000 TO £239,950

An attractive home, Bumble Cottage in Patshull Road, Albrighton, is for sale by public auction at The Paddock Pavilion, Uttoxeter Racecourse, on Wednesday, September 19 at 3pm.

The auction is being hosted by Bagshaws, with the semi-detached property having a guide price of £225,000 to £239,950.

It lies in a rural yet convenient location, having gated roadside access. It stands well within a good sized plot which amounts in total to approximately 0.37 acres (0.149 hectares).

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 - ●NO DSS OR PETS

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Lounge

- Impressive Breakfast Kitchen
- ■Two DOUBLE Bedrooms Bathroom
- •Integral Garage VIEWING ESSENTIAL TO APPRECIATE

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HUNTINGTON TERRACE ROAD, CANNOCK



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 - Two Reception Rooms
- Breakfast Kitchen Two Double Bedroom
- Bathroom
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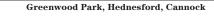
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• Viewing Advised

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- En-Suite, Bathroom
- Family Kitchen • Rear Garden

Bevan Lee Road, Cannock









- Lounge Diner
- Kitchen Diner
- Driveway

Stafford Road, Cannock

- Viewing Essential
- Enclosed Rear Garden





Extended



- Utility Room
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Kitchen Diner
- Large Driveway • Viewing Recommended

Parking To The Rear

- Three Bedrooms Two Reception Rooms

- Close To Cannock Town Centre



- Viewing Essential

Hunter Avenue, Burntwood

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OPTIONAL FINAL PAYMENT	OPTION TO PURCHASE FEE		TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE BY CUSTOMER	TOTAL AMOUNT OF CREDIT	REPRESENTATIVE APR	RATE OF INTEREST	EXCESS MILEAGE		
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£13,995	£O	42 month	£177.73	£2,000	£799	£2,799	£O
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Updated Škoda Fabia gets a suite of new safety kit

Škoda has announced pricing and specifications for the latest update to its Fabia supermini. The range kicks off from just £12,840 for a model in S trim, fitted with the 74bhp 1.0-litre petrol engine.

That starting price undercuts its sister car, the Volkswagen Polo by £1,395 – and that's for a VW fitted with the lesser-powered 59bhp engine.

The latest Fabia comes with a suite of new safety kit plus improved connectivity, as well as Škoda's latest 'Simply Clever' touches.

Fuel

The range kicks off with the naturally aspirated, 1.0-litre engine with 74bhp. It's capable of 0-60mph in a rather lengthy 14.7 seconds, but Skoda claims a fuel consumption of nearly 59mpg and CO2 emissions of 110g/km.

Moving up the range there are two turbocharged petrols with 94bhp or 108bhp. It's the latter that's the only car available with an automatic gearbox, which is an option above the standard six-speed manual. The two lower-powered cars get five-speed manual gearboxes. Fuel consumption tops out at 61mpg, with the 94bhp model boasting the lowest CO2 emissions of just 104g/km.

Trim levels start with basic S, which still gains autonomous emergency braking, LED daytime running lights



The latest Fabia comes with a suite of new safety kit

and a trip computer. SE trim, from £14,115 gains front foglights plus 15inch alloy wheels, while stylish Colour Edition adds 16-inch wheels and unique paint finishes for its £14,665 starting price.

Top-spec SE L is priced from £15,205 and brings serious big-car equipment, including standard satnay and connected services.

The top of the range Monte Carlo is the luxurious option in the range though, with climate control airconditioning, LED lights, rear electric windows and black trim. It costs from £16.785.

All but Colour Edition models are available as an Estate. This adds £1,020 onto the base price of the S



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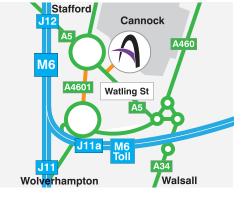
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Jaguar's entry into the SUV market a couple of years ago was inevitable if somewhat surprising, given that it puts itself in direct competition with the excellent Land Rover Discovery Sport but,

clearly, it is a marque which is sure of its market.

And so it proved to be. The F-Pace swiftly earned its stripes by becoming the company's fastest selling global model with two in every five Jaguars sold being F-Paces. Adding the World Car Design of the Year in 2017 only increased the attraction.

And there is no doubt that it is a good-looking

vehicle, with sleeker lines and more style than many another SUV. Top notch materials and build quality are really a given with Jaguar, making the entry-level price of £34,730 far less painful when you see what

you are getting for your money.

Although designed and developed in the UK and, at present, built at Solihull, the F-Pace was clearly destined for global success. Before it even came onto the market it was tested in extreme climates of -40°C to $+50^{\circ}$ C to ensure it performs as well in the Arctic as it does in the Sahara. And it performs pretty well in the UK too.



There's plenty of head and leg room

Engine choices range from a 2.0litre, four-cylinder 163ps, turbocharged diesel linked to a six-speed manual gearbox to a 3.0litre, V6, supercharged 380ps petrol married to an eight-speed automatic transmission. The immense power of this latter unit will be pleasing to anyone thinking of making the switch from diesel but, as with all makes and sizes of engines, the hit in economy will have a serious impact on the wallet.

Jaguar's 3.0litre V6 300ps diesel returns an official average of 47.1mpg while the 2.0litre four-cylinder 300ps petrol returns 37mpg. No need for calculators, abacuses, fingers or even toes to see that the change

will add to the expense of driving.

However, it doesn't detract from the enjoyment of driving the F-Pace AWD 2.0litre diesel – or any other diesel in the range. On startup it has that slight air of sluggishness which comes to the fore when setting out from a steep incline followed by a steep hill. By the time the terrain was back on an even keel, the engine was well into its stride and sailed along smoothly and silently. Pick-up on roundabouts and overtakes was immediate and reassuring.

The ride is composed with suspension which manages to stay on the comfort side of the fine line between that and firm. The addition of torque vectoring on the higher trims, whereby minuscule braking is applied inside the front and rear wheels on cornering, further aids the unruffled composure of the F-Pace.

Occupants have a plush leather interior to enjoy, more than enough leg and head room, with plenty of

cubby holes and storage spaces dotted around.

Trim levels number four – Prestige, Portfolio, R-Sport and S. Entry-level spec includes a push button start, eight-inch touch screen, digital instrument cluster, hill start assist, cruise control with speed limiter. Bluetooth, DAB radio, navigation system, rain-sensing wipers, heated front seats, front and rear fog lights and 18-inch alloys.

A step-up to Portfolio adds an extra inch to the wheel size, a fixed panoramic sunroof, 10-way power front seats and a rear-view camera among other things. Prices start at £39,730.

Prestige and R-Sport come with a choice of seven engine/transmission combinations. Portfolio adds the mighty 3.0litre V6 300ps diesel to the mix while the top-notch S model is exclusively powered by that same 3.0litre V6 plus the 380ps 3.0litre V6 supercharged petrol engine but, with a price tag of £53,365, deep pockets are needed for this version.

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A revised front bumper and new LED headlights give the car a more up-to-date look, with LED rear lights continuing that at the back of the car. Saloon versions also get a tweaked rear bumper, and all versions now see the addition of a chrome finish to the 'tiger-nose' grille.

There's also a new colour available in the form of 'Runway Red', while fresh 17- and 18- inch alloy designs can be optioned.

The Optima's cabin has also been given a new lease of life. All versions get a new steering wheel and satin-chrome trim across the dashboard, while '2' models get the benefit of black cloth upholstery. '3' trim brings faux leather to the table, while the real thing is available on GT-Line S variants.

More safety tech has been introduced too. All Optimas now get a driver attention warning system as standard, which monitors input from behind the wheel and the behaviour of the vehicle. If it senses something wrong, it'll signal a warning chime to alert

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Powerplants

As for engine choices, two are on offer at launch. Models up to GT-Line S are powered by a 1.6-litre diesel unit, which can be paired up to a six-speed manual gearbox or seven-speed dual-clutch

It produces 134bhp and 320Nm of torque, capable of taking the car from 0-60mph in 10.8 seconds and on to a 121mph top speed in manual 'Sportswagon' form. It's capable of returning a claimed 61.4mpg and emitting 121g/km of CO2.

There's also a petrol engine – available exclusively

in the new performance-focused Optima Sportswagon GT. The turbocharged 2.0-litre unit, mated to a six-speed automatic gearbox, develops 241bhp and 353Nm of torque. As a result, 0-60mph comes in 7.3 seconds with a top speed of 144mph. Kia claims fuel economy of 30.7mpg, with CO2 emissions of 211g/km.

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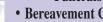


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John

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Valerie Burgess, Burgess Family and Barnes Family.



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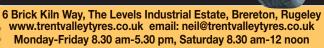
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exhilarating routines in a bid for medals.

The senior tumbling teams will be led by 2018 European champion Lucie Colebeck, and her team-mates Yasmin Taite, Kristof Willerton, Greg Townley and Elliott Browne.

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All three girls are 15 and attend Wolverhampton Girls High. They are twins sisters Halee and Rudee Robinson, who play for Yendys Netball Club, and team-mate Lucy Toor, who also represents Wasps Netball Club.

More than 1,400 athletes will compete across 11 sports, five of which disability disciplines. The Wolverhampton trio will follow in the footsteps of some of Britain's biggest sporting stars who have competed at the event before going on to senior international success.

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Archer, 62, is currently enjoying his 50th season of Birmingham League cricket as player and administrator. On the field, he enjoyed a stunning period of success with the all-conquering Walsall side of the 80s and 90s. He won the Birmingham League title nine times skippering the side for five of those and a National Knockout success at Lord's in 1996.

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Meanwhile Staffordshire, under the guidance of Archer, were the strongest Minor County side in the country at that time.

And when he decided to end his playing days, he

took the lead role for the league by becoming general manager in 1999. It's a position he still fills today as the league gets set for the biggest shake-up in club cricket in 20 years.

Shake-up

It all began for Archer as a 13-year-old when he made his debut for Walsall's second team in 1969. But, at the time, cricket wasn't his number one sport, rugby was – and he wasn't bad at that either!

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"I first played in 1969, in the second XI when I was
13 against Moseley. I batted number 10 and I got
nought not out," recalls Archer. "I can't remember
the exact circumstances why I played, but I started to
play more regularly the following year.

"But I only ever played half-seasons until I was 18
because I went to Queen Mary's School in Walsall
and they scheduled fixtures on a Saturday afternoon.
I played in the first team for the first time in 1971.
Then I played a few more in 1972 when we won the
leazue."

The following year saw Archer play regularly for the first team. His promise earned him a call for Staffordshire and also attracted the attention of the first class counties. But the oval ball still came out

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on top, and there were no thoughts of becoming a professional cricketer. "In 1975 I went to Lougborough University. I also played rugby for them, so that also curtailed my cricket a bit," he added. "In 1974, I didn't play at all because I was picked to go on tour

with the England under-19 rugby team.

"That was a bit of a watershed year for me cricket wise, because at that time I'd had invitations to play for a couple of county second XIs but I couldn't fulfil them in. Cricket was very much a second sport, really, until the early 80s."

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As a fly-half or full-back he played for Moseley who, with the game an amateur sport, played in the country's top division.

"Looking back, cricket wise, and at what I eventually did with Minor Counties and Walsall, I have no regrets whatsoever."

Archer also enjoyed a successful career outside of cricket, in advertising and marketing, that eventually saw him run David Archer Associates, a company set up by his father. And while business was coing well up by his father. And while business was going well, the cricket was going even better as Walsall ruled the roost locally and Staffordshire nationally. "I won the title nine times as a player and I was skipper for five of those," he said.

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"The 90s was a big era of success. We won the title in 92, 94, 96, 99 and also beat Chorley in the National KO at Lord's in 96. It was very enjoyable at the time to play in a very good side and to be a major cog in it, both as captain and as a player. It was a very, very strong side and the fact that we won National Knockout in 1996 while our first, second and third teams

to be the strongest club in the country at that time."
Archer played a key role as he accumulated nearly
11,000 top flight Birmingham League runs – a Walsall record. He claimed a unique double in 1989 as he finished top of the league and Minor Counties batting

werages. He also led Staffordshire out there in 91, 92 and 93, He also led Staffordshire out there in 91, 92 and 93, missing out on three successive Minor County Championship and KO doubles when they lost to Devon in 92. But he has played against some of the world's best down the years, and two encounters with West Indies fast bowlers Sylvester Clarke and Malcolm Marshall while on duty with Staffs stand out.

"I opened with Steve Dean for Staffs against Surrey. Deany used to run to the wicket to make sure he took the first ball and I was quite happy to let him do it with Clarke bowling.

Opening

"We ran a three off the first ball. Clarke's opening spell was six overs and I faced five overs and five balls of of it! I ended up scoring 45 as a makeshift opener with Dickie Bird umpiring, which was an experience in itself.

Taking the various Test match players he crossed swords with out of the equation, three players stand

out for Archer during his playing days.
"The two outstanding batters for me were Steve Dean and Roy Virgin at Walsall," he adds. "Roy came to Walsall straight from county cricket and he was a real gnarled ex-pro. He taught more about batting than anyone else. Ability wise, Deany was as good a batsman as I have ever played with and Keith Arnold was the best bowler I played with. They played in same team for nine to 10 years which was the bedrock of our success

Archer decided to call time on his league career when the league came calling with the offer of a general manger role.

He helped smooth the league's expansion that saw

promotion and relegation introduced and eventually saw it go from one division to four.

Now he is ready to oversee another revamp that will see the league cut to two divisions next season.





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Injury worry in defeat for Chasetown

Chasetown 1 Mossley 3
A FAST opening saw chances at both ends inside the first 10 minutes in an eventful Non League Division One clash. First, Will Whieldon forced a save from

Mossley No 1 Johnny Diba-Musangu and then Chasetown keeper Curtis Pond was at full stretch to deny Godwin Adabaki.

at full stretch to deny Godwin Adabaki. Chasetown took the lead in the 28th minute. Muzzy Nduna sprinted through the back line and squared to Whieldon. He drew the keeper and Jack Langston tapped the ball into the open net.

The visitors thought they had levelled in the 55th minute but referee King deemed there was a foul on Pond.

Ryan Wynter had a great chance to double Chasetown's lead on the hour but Diba-Musangu blocked with his legs from close range.

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Pond denied Adabaki before the vis-itors were awarded a spot kick for a questionable foul on Ababaki that Max Leonard converted straight down the middle midway through the second half.

Chasetown lost full back Oli Hayward on a stretcher with 20 minutes remaining. Three minutes from time Mossley took the lead. A corner was fired across took the lead. A corner was fired across and Andy Keogh fired a right footer beyond Pond. Chasetown were reduced to 10 men when Wynter received a second yellow for a foul. Mossley made it 3-1 in stoppage time.

After a visit to Runcorn Linnets on Tuesday, Scholars are in FA Cup action this weekend. They make the short trip to Wednesfield on Saturday for a preliminary round tie. Kick-off is at 3pm.

Hayes concede five after going ahead with an early goal

Heath Hayes 2 Racing Club Warwick 5 Heath Hayes 2 Racing Club Warwick 5 HAYES, missing four key players through holidays and injuries and Ross Harvey making his debut in goal, knew taking on form team Racing Warwick was always going to be a tough task. But it was Hayes who took an early lead for the third time in three games when Matt O'Doherty headed in a corner. However, the lead lasted only six minutes as Ross Quartermain equalised

minutes as Ross Quartermain equalised despite protests that he was offside. Giving as good as they got, the home side were unlucky to be 2-1 down at half-

side were unlucky to be 2-1 down at nair-time after Gerard McGrahey beat debu-tant keeper Harvey to a through ball to score two minutes into stoppage time. The second half saw RCW grow in stature and extra fitness began to tell and on 52 minutes Luke Cole scored a screamer, then on 62 minutes Scott Cole increased Warwick's lead.

On 80 minutes Ross Quartermain got

his second, again giving Harvey in the Hayes goal little chance. Not to be out-done Hayes pulled one back with a late goal from Osiris Robinson when he brilliantly headed home from a corner.

Players and parents in Wembley treat



Players, parents, and club officials were at the game

LOCAL franchisee David Knight has won an award for his work with local football club Heath

award for his work with local football club Heath Hayes naming his restaurants in the top eight in the UK for supporting local grassroots football.

Over the past two years, David and his restaurant staff have supported the club by providing kit as part of the McDonald's Kit Scheme, as well as equipment, and their participation in community events alongside the team such as charity car waches and litter side.

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As part of his award win, David was presented with 50 tickets for the Community Shield at Wembley. Due to his continued commitment to

Heath Hayes FC, David took along 40 players and their parents, as well as the club management and coaching team to watch the game, and also

take part in a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity by joining the team parade.

Alongside teams from seven other grassroots football clubs from across the UK, players from

Heath Hayes formed a guard of honour around the pitch in front of a 72,000 strong crowd.

Steve Ball, team manager, said: "We are extremely grateful for the support that Heath Hayes FC have received from McDonalds and David in sponsoring our club."

Connor's six wickets help Cannock win

CONNOR Shingler's six-wicket haul – and half-century – helped Cannock to a Staffs Clubs Championship victory over

Staffs Clubs Championship victory over Penn.

Shingler took 6-54 as Penn were dismissed for 215. Viku Lal (72) and George Nock (59) had put on 122 for the fourth wicket, but seven wickets fell for 34. Shingler was run out in 52, but an unbeaten 72 from overseas player Faizan Khan saw Cannock home by six wickets. Rugeley's Mohammed Sultan scored 54 of his side's 228 and then took 4-53 to restrict Rlowwich to 175-8 garning his

restrict Bloxwich to 175-8, earning his side a winning draw. Stuart Talbot hit 60, Stuart Gretton 48, and there were three wickets for Jake Aston.

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A Hammerwich total of 228 came courtesy of Patrick Knott (79) and Andy Malkin (55). They won by 99 runs after dismissing Brewood for 129.

Whittington scored 282-7, with Omar Ali top-scoring on 69, against Aldridge, who were bowled out for 150 in reply to lose by 132 runs.

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Armitage mustered just 99 against Walsall YPD Seconds and went down by seven wickets. Burnwood St Matthew's

seven wickets. Burnwood St Matthew's made only 123 against Beacon 3rds who won by eight wickets.

C & R Hawks defeated previous leaders Walmley by 15 runs in the Birmingham League division two in a match that yielded 643 runs at Eldon Drive. Walmbrid decreases the fell to third sheet lev's defeat sees them fall to third place in the table, three points behind Hawks, with Penkridge, who lost to Pershore, tied in fourth with Sutton Coldfield.

PITMEN'S WIN KES AMENI

THE Pitmen travelled to Nottingham to face newly promoted Basford United less than 48 hours after their opening game of the season ended in defeat at Keys Park.

Manager Rob Smith made two changes to the starting line-up with Callam Mendez-Jones and Mike Howard handed their first starts of the season at the expense of Charley Edge and Josh Craddock.

In the 22nd minute, a Joe Fitzpatrick free kick was met by a thumping header at the far post from Reece King, prompting an excellent save from Kieran Preston. Lewis Carr's attempted clearance fell to Mike Howard who fired the Pitmen into the lead.

Ten minutes later Joe Fitzpatrick would be

provider again when the home defence failed to deal effectively with a corner and Charlie Gat-ter was able to double the Pitmen's lead with a

ter was able to double the Pitmen's lead with a headed goal at the far post from six yards out in the 32nd minute.

In the 65th minute, a free kick from James Reid was met by Kieran Fenton whose header found the net for Basford to score their first ever goal at this level and set up an enthralling finish.

Despite an additional six minutes being played there would be no further goals with the Pitmen surviving the second half onslaught and securing their first win of the season.

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Hednesford Town suffered a narrow opening
day defeat against Scarborough Athletic despite
having to play with 10 men for over an hour.
After going 1-0 down after 10 minutes, Hednesford's afternoon went from bad to worse in
the 24th minute when a Reece King tackle on
Brooksby was deemed dangerous by the officials
and the midfielder was dismissed.

The Pitmen are at home to Gainsborough on Saturday (3pm) and visit Farsley on Monday.

Run in the cup for walkers



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Josh not racing ahead of himself

IT'S a case of steady as she goes for Josh Langman, who is determined not to get too carried away despite being in the top three of a club racing championship in just his first campaign.

The 27-year-old is fulfilling a life-long ambition of competing in the Thundersport GB class and has taken to the motorsport like a duck to water.

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freshman class, following advice from his father and race organisers – mainly because it was the most economical class because it was the most extended that to enter – the Cheslyn Hay ace has found he is capable of not just running at the front end, but also winning races.

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